

The Peace (Shalom) Jesus Bought for Us

- I. **A prophecy about Jesus and what His death and resurrection accomplished (Is. 53:1-5)**
 - A. First, there is the profound reconciliation with God. In verse 5, the Hebrew word for peace (*shalom*) is a perfect description of what Jesus purchased for us on the cross. Packaged in the word “shalom” is almost unlimited blessing, including safety, soundness in body, prosperity, tranquility, and friendship with God both now and forever.
 - B. God’s covenant of peace can be embraced by all who receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior (John 1:10-13; Isaiah 54:10).
 - C. In this covenant of peace, the Spirit of God is poured out. A beautiful summary of what we can expect when the Spirit is poured out on us is outlined in Isaiah 32:14-20. Peace is beautifully summarized in verse 17 as “quietness and confidence forever.”

- II. **Isaiah 53:4-10 records how God’s peace was purchased for us through the suffering and death of Jesus. Isaiah 54 records the inheritance of those who receive Jesus. These promises are a covenant of peace, compassion, and promise that is apprehended by faith.**
 - A. The promise of increase: “Your Maker is your husband.” He is a good provider (Is. 54:1-5).
 - B. The covenant of peace cannot be removed from God’s people even “though the mountains be shaken” (Isaiah 54:10-12).
 - C. “All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace” (Isaiah 54:13).
 - D. Because the people of God are established in the righteousness of Jesus, tyranny and terror will be far removed from them, both emotionally and in their life circumstances. “Tyranny” is a general word for the “internal disruption of society” (Motyer, Isaiah 54:14).
 - E. Whoever attacks the people of God will ultimately surrender to them (Isaiah 54:15).
 - F. “No weapon forged against you will prevail” (Isaiah 54:16-17). “Neither frontal attack nor legal challenge can deprive them of what the Lord has granted. Heritage describes ‘reality of possession’” (Motyer).
 - G. “Vindication” can be translated “righteousness” in Isaiah 54:17 (NIV). The Lord declares our righteousness, our “status before God could not be more honorable, nor acceptance before Him more complete” (Motyer).

- III. **A New Testament prescription for peace (Philippians 4:4-8)**
 - A. “Rejoice in the Lord” on purpose and always (Philippians 4:4; Acts 16:25-31).
 - B. “Be gentle” as a direct contrast to the world around us. “The Lord is near” (Philippians 4:5). This means near in place, in time, or both. Matthew 7:1-2 gives us a clear warning about the measure we use for others.
 - C. We have access through prayer to the greatest authority in the universe (Philippians 4:6). Part of prayer is refuting every tongue that accuses you (Isaiah 54:17).
 - D. The result of all this is supernatural peace guarding your heart and your mind (Phil. 4:7).
 - E. No matter the circumstance, you are always free to think of noble and lovely things,“ and the God of peace will be with you” (Philippians 4:8-9).

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