



Hello again from Quarantine! I pray this Friday finds you doing well. I hope this devotion is a blessing and encouragement.

This world offers a false sense of peace. The peace the world offers is just temporary. “The world passeth away”, the peace this world offers is based on something that doesn’t have eternal value. It’s a constant flow downstream that is pulling at us to join in. “.....and the lust thereof” – those things drawing you away from the righteousness of God, will pass.

Romans 6:21 speaks of having put our efforts into those things we are left ashamed. What does it mean? When we finally get to a place that we are actually able to see the results of what we are chasing, we realize how empty it is. The fruit from the things of this world again are just temporary. If we live lives centered on the pleasures of the flesh, and the gathering of stuff, or even on the love of money, we will be like the 5 brides maids that were not ready when it was time for the wedding. We will be ill-prepared to meet the Lord. Are you ready this very second to stand before God and give an account of your life?

Jesus plainly says, “I have overcome the world”. It’s a reminder again today to where we should have our affections. Where is your treasure? I speak to people right along that have spent years travelling for this world..... only to constantly be disappointed. I promise you today, that an intimate walk with Christ is no disappointment. God’s provision is about more than food on the table, and a ticket to heaven. It’s about stability, and a stronger grasp on the reality of where we are. The quicker that we can learn that this is not our home, and to stop treating it like it is, the better off we are.

The peace of God is fruitful, and it’s real. It’s not a deception, it’s a bi-product of the relationship that He has provided through Christ. The word speaks of “a peace that surpasseth understanding”, and yes again that’s how it is. It’s when the storms of life hit, and you are on your knees talking to the Lord, and a calm comes over you, there just aren’t words to describe it. It’s facing trials, and knowing that as messy as it looks, that by the Grace of God, you will get through. It’s knowing that you don’t walk alone. It’s knowing that the God of the universe, resides with you. That’s real peace. \$100,000 in the bank, my pay some bills. It might buy you a decent car, but just like everything else in this life, it will disappear. Not to mention life itself. All the stuff, is only beneficial on this side of eternity what happens with it when you move on from this life? What then of the temporary pleasures of this life?

A statement with depth is “CONSIDER THE COST”.

God bless – Pastor Paul

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Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. [John 14:27](#)

The world passeth away, and the lust thereof. [I John 2:17](#)

Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them. [Psa. 39:6](#)

What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. [Rom. 6:21](#)

Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. [Luke 10:41, 42](#)

I would have you without carefulness. [I Cor. 7:32](#)

These things I have spoken unto you that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world. [John 16:33](#)

The Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. [II Thess. 3:16](#)

The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: the LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. [Num. 6:24-26](#)