

# “SHALOM”

## I. John 14:27-31 & John 20:19-28

A. The past 10 days have been tough ones for a lot of people we know...

- 1) Numerous deaths... Several hospitalizations... Many painful ordeals...
- 2) Lately there's been a lot more weeping with those who weep than rejoicing with those who rejoice...

B. Where is peace to be found in days like these? How is peace to be maintained?

- 1) If peace is merely an emotional reality based on circumstances, it may prove elusive, very hard to find and extremely hard to maintain...
- 2) But if peace comes to us as a gift, a status bestowed to us by God, a reality that supersedes circumstances and emotions, we can have and hold on to peace.

C. John 14:27-31 Jesus' words to His disciples merely hours before His death...

- 1) He spoke these words in the upper room just after the last supper...
- 2) He spoke these words after they'd argued about who was the greatest...
- 3) He spoke these words after He had washed their feet...
- 4) He spoke these words just prior to His arrest at Gethsemane...
- 5) He spoke these words in the midst of one betraying Him, one about to deny Him, and all of them about to desert Him in fear, just hours before the Cross...

D. John 14:27-31 is both a prophecy and a promise that Jesus was about to establish *Shalom* between God and them, them and God... How? Thru the Cross...

- 1) Shalom defined... (Greek: Eirene) NIV Study Bible notes... Rom. 5:1...
- 2) Peace between us and God was destroyed by one man but was about to be reestablished by Another, the Righteous One, God's own Son, the Prince of Peace...
- 3) Oh the promise of peace! 2 Corinthians 1:20...

E. John 20:19-28... Let's move from Thursday & Friday to Sunday and beyond...

- 1) While the betrayer had hung himself, the denier and the deserters were cowering in fear behind locked doors. Only one doubter was absent. No peace there!
- 2) Then Jesus appeared. What did He say? "*Shalom!*" "*Peace be with you!*"
- 3) Then a week later Thomas' doubts were ended when Jesus appeared and he heard Jesus say, "*Shalom!*" "*Peace be with you!*" "*Stop doubting and believe!*"
- 4) Jesus stands before you right now and if you will hear His greeting, it is: "*Shalom!*" "*Peace be with you!*" (*He's saying far more than 'relax, don't feel bad, chill!'*)

F. Shalom is the blood bought, cross wrought, status of peace established by Jesus between God and us. It is deep and it is eternal. It is not conditional upon how we feel or what circumstances we find ourselves in. It locks arms with love and joy...

- 1) Therefore we can weep as we say goodbye to loved ones with peace...
- 2) We can visit and pray for dying friends with peace...
- 3) Despite lacking answers, or direction, or money, we can have peace...
- 4) Even if fear, frustration, doubt, despair come racing in, the status of Shalom between us and God cannot be removed. If in such moments, if we set our hearts and minds upon our *Shalom status*, our hearts and minds will soon embrace His sweet *Shalom assurance*. It accompanied all those disciples and many more thru every trial, fiery ordeal, brotherly loss, and even martyrdom... It will also stick with you...

G. Close with Prayer... Col. 3:15... *No Christ, No Peace! Know Christ, Know Peace!*

## Scriptures, Videos, & Bonus Stuff

### John 14:27-31 (NIV)

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. 28 "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. 30 I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, 31 but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me. "Come now; let us leave.

**Romans 5:1 (ESV)**

*1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**2 Corinthians 1:20 (ESV)**

*20 For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.*

**John 20:19-28 (NIV)**

*19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." 24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." 28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"*

**Peace (Hebrew - Shalom)**

*Peace... my peace. A common Hebrew greeting (see Jn. 20:19; 21, 26), which Jesus uses here in an unusual way. The term [peace] speaks, in effect, of the salvation that Christ's redemptive work will achieve for His disciples--total well-being and inner rest of spirit, which the repetition emphasizes. - NIV Study Bible, commentary on John 14:27.*

**Colossians 3:15 (NIV)**

*15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.*

**Some Great Youtube Clips**

*How God Gives Peace on Earth--John Piper*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqJysB4evQc>

*Spiritual Peace--Charles Spurgeon*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6sc-LZvorI>

*Ronnie :-)*

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_hqm5Xm9vDk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_hqm5Xm9vDk)

*The Church--A Cruise Ship or A Battleship?*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIUaa1P5fTY>

*Me Church :-)*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGEmlPigjVI>

**Bonus Stuff**

**Peace (Hebrew - Shalom)**

*The expression Peace (Hb/shalom) had a much richer connotation than the English word does since it conveyed not merely the absence of conflict and turmoil but also the notion of positive blessing, especially in terms of a right relationship with God (e.g. Num 6:24-26; cf. Ps. 29:11; Hag. 2:9; and also, as a result, the idea that "all is well" in one's life). This may be manifest most clearly amid persecution and tribulation; see also John 15:18-19; 16:13. - ESV Study Bible; commentary on John 14:27, p. 2053.*

**Peace (Hebrew - Shalom)**

***This was the common Hebrew salutation used in greeting or farewell. Jesus gives it a new and deeper sense that reappears in the salutations of the New Testament letters. Jesus' peace is true reconciliation with God, purchased with His death (Acts 10:36; Rom. 5:1; Rom. 14:17; Eph. 2:14-17; Phil. 4:7; Col. 3:15). It is the supreme remedy for all fears (v 1), and the legacy Jesus left for His heirs. - The Reformation Study Bible, Commentary on John 14:27, p. 1541.***

**Nicholas Ridley Burned at the Stake**

***In 1555, Nicholas Ridley was burned at the stake because of his witness for Christ. On the night before Ridley's execution, his brother offered to remain with him in the prison chamber to be of assistance and comfort. Nicholas declined the offer and replied that he meant to go to bed and sleep as quietly as ever he did in his life. Because he knew the peace of God, he could rest in the strength of the everlasting arms of his Lord to meet his need. So can we! - Unknown***

**The Almighty's Shade by Charles Wesley**

***I rest beneath the Almighty's shade,  
My griefs expire, my troubles cease;  
Thou, Lord, on whom my soul is stayed,  
Wilt keep me still in perfect peace.***

**Poem by Edwin Markham**

***At the heart of the cyclone tearing the sky,  
And flinging the clouds and towers by,  
Is a place of central calm;  
And so in the roar of mortal things,  
There is a place where my spirit sings,  
In the hollow of God's palm.***