

Sermon Notes

Things That Matter: Beautiful Produce in an Age of Crop Failure

#5 – “Peace”

I. Introduction

A. The elusive quest for peace

1. All parts of society seek peace, but it remains elusive.
2. Examples

B. Learning to be like our Dad

1. Peace is a character trait of God.
2. He is the great peace-maker.

C. There are three aspects of peace.

1. Peace with G_____.
2. Peace with O_____.
3. Peace with other P_____.

II. Peace attained

A. Peace with God

1. Was lost at the fall
 - a. God became the offended party.
 - b. Peace with God is only attained by coming to Him on His terms.
 1. Romans 5:1
 2. No peace is realized until peace with God is secured.
2. The way we were – Eph. 2:1-3; Col. 1:21
3. Who we are now – 2 Cor. 5:21 – Alien righteousness
 - a. Paul to Philippi – Philippians 1:2

B. Personal peace

1. “Disturbance of the peace”
 - a. There are all kinds of disturbances.
2. How is peace maintained if I am fraught with disturbances?
 - a. Jesus’ statement – John 16:33
3. John 16:33 explained
 - a. The world is filled with trouble.
 - b. Jesus has overcome the world.
 1. Ephesians 1:20-21; Matthew 10:29-31
4. Jerry Bridges
5. Texts to keep in mind:
 - a. Philippians 4:6-7; I Corinthians 10:13
 - b. I Peter 5:7-9; James 4:7

C. Peace with men

1. Paul – Romans 12:18
 - a. All people you come in contact with each day
 1. Rom. 14:19; Col. 3:15; Heb. 12:14; I Peter 3:10-11
 2. “Make every effort to pursue”
 - a. Not peace at all costs – No enablement

III. Case Study

A. Daniel’s friends

B. Daniel 3:12-18

1. Resting in God produces peace during difficult and frightening circumstances.
2. Also – John 19:8-11; Phil. 1:20; Luke 18:8; Rom. 8:28

IV. Closing thought

A. The priceless vase

1. Philippians 4:5
2. Isaiah 41:10