

“The Rule of Peace”

The Cosmic Supremacy of Christ

Col. 3:15 • pt. 31

INTRODUCTION

- the great lack of peace on earth
- how do we define *peace*?
- what does the Bible tell us about *peace*?

Rom. 15:33; 16:20; Phil. 4:20; 1 Thess. 5:23; Heb. 13:20
1 Cor. 14:33

MAIN IDEA

**Biblical peace is not the _____ of conflict,
but the _____ of Christ.**

1. If you're a disciple of Jesus, you possess the peace of Christ.

- conflict in this world is a given

Jn. 16:33; 14:27

- Jesus didn't promise removal of conflict, but His presence

Eph. 2:14; Isa. 9:6; Ps. 29:11

- the unrighteous will experience no peace
Isa. 48:22
- the righteous will experience perfect peace

Isa. 26:3-4

2. If you possess the peace of Christ, let it rule.

- “peace of Christ”
- “rule”

3. Together, we're called to be ruled by this peace.

“A church disputing is a church committing suicide.”

– Charles Spurgeon

Gal. 5:22; Jms. 4:1-7

4. Maintain this peace by remaining thankful.

- remain in a state of thanksgiving
Deut. 8:10; Ps. 100:4-5; 1 Thess. 5:16-18
- thanksgiving the logical result of Christ's rule

APPLICATION

the peace that passes worldly comprehension is the result of...

✓ abiding in the Spirit
Gal. 5:16

✓ abiding in God's Word
Ps. 119:165

✓ abiding in prayer
Phil. 4:6-7