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# "CAN THE BIBLE CHANGE ME?"

## PEACE

### MATTHEW 11:28-30

The greatest man who ever lived or will ever live is the Lord Jesus Christ. He stands monumentally in contrast against the deplorable backdrop of fallen and depraved humanity. God become man, unique and all powerful authority.

The historian Philip Schaff (*The Person of Christ*, American Tract Society, 1913) vividly describes its uniqueness along with its Savior:

“This Jesus of Nazareth, without money and arms, conquered more millions than Alexander, Caesar, Mohammed, and Napoleon; without science and learning, He shed more light on things human and divine than all philosophers and scholars combined; without the eloquence of schools, He spoke such words or life as were never spoken before or since, and produced effects which lie beyond the reach of orator or poet; without writing a single line, He set more pens in motion, and furnished themes for more sermons, orations, discussions, learned volumes, works of art, and songs of praise than the whole army of great men of ancient and modern times.”

His present influence is no less amazing:

Kenneth Scott Latourette (*A History of Christianity*, Harper and Row, 1953), former Yale historian, says:

“It is evidence of his importance, of the effect that he has had upon history and presumably, of the baffling mystery of his being that no other life ever lived on this planet has evoked so huge a volume of literature among so many peoples and languages, and that, far from ebbing, the flood continues to mount.” 28/44

And what did He have to say? Christ belived and demonstrated that scriptures were sufficient to know--

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| Origin  | - | Divine creation     |
| Purpose | - | Meaning of Life     |
| Destiny | - | Plan of Ages Beyond |

In them He taught we can find:

Hope of Resurrection  
Peace in Affliction  
Joy in Daily Living

He pointed out:

Purpose in handicap and disease  
Triumph out of death  
Restoration in spite of defeat

But He rearlessly confronted any who would not submit

Justin Martyr, born Samaria 100 A.D., saved 132 A.D., died 165 A.D. Living only 70 years after Christ in a town only 37 miles from Nazareth where Jesus Christ lived for nearly 30 years.

Justin wrote as an eye witness to Nazareth that Jesus Christ the carpenter was a renowned woodworker. His most well known product is described in Mt. 11:28-30 -- yokes.

This morning, Jesus Christ believed the Scriptures have an answer for the deepest need of your soul -- rest from restlessness. Before salvation we were like the troubled sea. Sometimes we struggle again with a lack of abiding peace. Look with me as Jesus Christ uses the Scripture (Jer. 6:16) to answer! He outlines 7 stages in the journey to rest:

- A. Come unto me" to the source - Psalm 23
- B. Realize your condition "all who labor"
- C. Believe (obey now) His promise "ye shall find"
- D. Enter into discipleship "take" - Mt. 16:24; 19:21
- E. Emulate the Master "meek and lowly" - Ps. 84:3
- F. Target the need "rest" - hunting with Dad, shoot air
- G. Accept the price "yoke and load" - 1 Jn. 5:3; Jn. 14:21 - rules

Sing = Peace, Peace, Wonderful Peace

## DO YOU HAVE THE PEACE OF GOD? ARE YOU ARE PEACE WITHOUT GOD?

- ✓ Psalm 4:8 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety. (KJV)
- ✓ Psalm 29:11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace. (KJV)
- ✓ Psalm 34:14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. (KJV)
- ✓ Psalm 37:7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. (KJV)
- ✓ Psalm 37:11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. (KJV)
- ✓ Psalm 37:37 Mark the perfect *man*, and behold the upright: for the end of *that* man *is* peace. (KJV)
- ✓ Psalm 38:3 *There is* no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither *is there any* rest in my bones because of my sin. (KJV)
- ✓ Psalm 85:10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed *each other*. (KJV)
- ✓ Psalm 95:11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest. (KJV)

## OLD TESTAMENT PROMISED PEACE:

- ✓ Psalm 119:165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them. (KJV)
- ✓ Isaiah 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The

everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (KJV)

- ✓ Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose mind is stayed on thee*: because he trusteth in thee. (KJV)
- ✓ Isaiah 26:12 LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us. (KJV)
- ✓ Isaiah 30:15 For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not. (KJV)
- ✓ Isaiah 32:17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. (KJV)
- ✓ Isaiah 45:7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these *things*. (KJV)
- ✓ Isaiah 48:18 O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea: (KJV)
- ✓ Isaiah 48:22 There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked. (KJV)
- ✓ Isaiah 53:5 But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (KJV)
- ✓ Isaiah 57:21 There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked. (KJV)
- ✓ Isaiah 59:8 The way of peace they know not; and *there is* no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace. (KJV)
- ✓ Jeremiah 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein*. (KJV)
- ✓ Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. (KJV)
- ✓ Matthew 11:28-29 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (KJV) Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (KJV)

## JESUS CHRIST HAD PERFECT PEACE

- ✓ Mark 4:39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. (KJV)
- ✓ Mark 5:34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague. (KJV)
- ✓ Mark 6:31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. (KJV)
- ✓ Mark 9:50 Salt *is* good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another. (KJV)

## JESUS CHRIST CAME WITH GOSPEL OF PEACE:

- ✓ Luke 1:79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. (KJV)
- ✓ Luke 2:14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (KJV) [...to men on whom His favor rests. (NIV)]

## **HE SENT HIS DISCIPLES OUT WITH HIS PEACE:**

- ✓ John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (KJV)
- ✓ John 16:33 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. (KJV)
- ✓ John 20:19 Then the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. (KJV)
- ✓ John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you. (KJV)
- ✓ John 20:26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: *then* came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. (KJV)

## **APOSTLE PAUL TAUGHT THE GOSEL BRINGS PEACE:**

- ✓ Romans 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. (KJV)
- ✓ Romans 2:10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: (KJV)
- ✓ Romans 3:17 And the way of peace have they not known: (KJV)
- ✓ Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: (KJV)
- ✓ Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. (KJV)
- ✓ Romans 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! (KJV)
- ✓ Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. (KJV)
- ✓ Romans 14:19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. (KJV)