

Philippians 4:6,7

PRAYER IN EVERYTHING RESULTS IN PEACE

- I. The occasion.
 - A. To be carefree is to be not full of care with regard to anything, i.e., be no anxious.
 - 1. Care is
 - 2. Care concerns the things which we can do nothing about, but are God's works.
 - B. About what do we have care?
- II. The answer to worry is to pray.
 - A. Prayer is to God; and He is the reason for not worrying.
 - 1. Literally it is "toward" God.
 - 2. He has set as the purpose of all things that He be glorified in the salvation of His people.
 - B. Prayer is the verbal side of believer's conversation with God; our covenant relationship with Him.
 - 1. It is our rejoicing in Jesus' Lordship of your life.
 - 2. "Requests" refers to our petitions or requests.
 - 3. "Supplication" is prayer when characterized by intensity, fervency and urgency.
 - C. While in fellowship with the Fountain of all good, let Him know your concerns.
- III. The benefit of such activity is not that we get what we want, but that we receive the spiritual benefit of peace.
 - A. Though your problem remains, you will be delivered from fullness of care and peace enters.
 - 1. Peace is the result of our minds and heart (where worrying takes place) being kept in Jesus.
 - 2. It is because we realize that we are "in Christ Jesus."
 - B. Peace with God is as a garrison or fortress inside of which is real safety: "keep."
 - 1. God's peace is that He has peace within Himself and outside of Himself.
 - 2. While we can never get out of this fortress permanently, we do in our thinking see things without Christ Jesus.
 - C. This results in "thanksgiving," for gratitude will characterize everyone who truly sees "God" as our God.