

Biblical Benedictions from the New Testament
Season 2: The Peace of Christ



Scripture

- Colossians 3:15-17 (NASB 95)
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Other Scriptures

- John 6:53, 63
- Genesis 3:7-8
- Philippians 4:7
- John 14:27
- Jeremiah 2:13
- John 14:6

Main Points

- These benedictions are pronouncements of **blessing**, and blessing has to do with **goodness**.
- We can't really find lasting, true, deep peace in anything that the world has to offer us
- Real peace is not based on the world.
- Jesus is the Way to the End. The Father is the End.

Discussion Questions

1. As a reminder from the first episode, what is a benediction?
2. What is the world's definition of peace?
3. Why does the world's definition of peace not reflect lasting peace?
4. How does the peace of God differ from the peace of the world?
5. For the peace of God to be rich within us what must also be rich within us according to Colossians 3: 15-17?
6. On a scale of 1 to 10, where do you fall on the "peace of God" scale? What adjustments can you make to move over toward the 10? Is this something you would like to experience?