

The Spirit of Faith: God's Peace

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2 Corinthians 1:8-10 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: 9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: 10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us.

Colossians 3:12-15 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. 15 **And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.**

endýō - to sink into (clothing), put on, clothe one's self
(It's not naturally there until you put it on)

eirénē (i-rah'-nay) - a state of national tranquillity, exemption from the rage and havoc of war, peace between individuals, i.e. harmony, concord; security, safety, prosperity, felicity (because peace and harmony make and keep things safe and prosperous); of the Messiah's peace; the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and

content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is; the blessed state of devout and upright men after death.

When do we die?

Romans 6:7-11 For he that is dead is freed from sin. 8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: 9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. 10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. 11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now... 2 Cor 3:

2 Cor 3:14-15 Moses pointed them to the Messiah, Who would made make us new creatures and make us free.

16: the moment you become a doer of the Word, you see... seeing comes from doing and doing produces liberty...

17: God's intent is to bring us to freedom and teach us us to CONTINUE in His freedom

- Galatians 5:1 Stand **FAST** therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.
- **stēkō** (stay'-ko) - to stand firm, to persevere, to persist, to keep one's standing
- 1 Corinthians 16:13 Watch ye, stand **FAST** in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

- Philippians 1:27 Only let your conversation (lifestyle) be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand **fast** in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith (persuasion) of the gospel.
- 1 Thessalonians 3:7-8 Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith: 8 For now we live, if ye stand **fast** in the Lord.
- 1 Thessalonians 3:7 (NLT) So we have been greatly encouraged in the midst of our troubles and suffering, dear brothers and sisters, because you have remained strong in your faith.

2 Corinthians 4:7-9 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. 8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

This treasure is the Gospel, which is the knowledge of the glory of God. We have it and nothing can take it away, **BUT WE CAN GIVE IT AWAY.**

Four pairs of expressions of sufferings:

1. Hard pressed, but not suffocated
2. Puzzled, but not utterly baffled
3. Pursued, but not caught or outrun
4. Struck down, but not out of the fight

The first two refer to wrestling; the third to a race; and the fourth to a boxing match.

2 Corinthians 4:8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair.

It's all around us, but we don't have to allow it to get in our house/temple.

"I just need to get it off my chest."

"I just need to get it out so I can be free."

THESE ARE LIES.

We don't have to yelled it to it. If we do, it puts us back in bondage and robs us of our liberty.

- Matthew 15:10-11 And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: 11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.
- Matthew 15:15-20 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable. 16 And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding? 17 Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? 18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: 20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

What you go through doesn't change you, it's our re-action that that changes us.

2 Corinthians 4:10-12 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. 11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be

made manifest in our mortal flesh. 12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

2 Corinthians 4:13-14 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; 14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.