

Peace

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Introduction

1. Acts 9:1-2; 31 NKJV (has peace and were edified)
2. Christians have been and are inconvenienced
 - a. The church was being persecuted Acts 8:1
 - b. When we have inconvenience with no A/C or electricity what do we do?
 - c. The Christians in Acts 9:2 feared for their lives because of their worship to God
3. Yet, when peace came the church still grew. Acts 9:31 NKJV
 - a. We all have trials in our Christian life; we all have peace.
 - b. When peace comes, what we do will make the difference
4. Let us look at the rewards of peace, then the responsibility of peace, and finally the results of peace.

II Discussion

1. The rewards of peace James 1:2-4
 - a. When we are in the midst of trials our resources are depleted, our mind are focused on certain things and we leave other things undone. Matthew 13:21; Luke 8:14
 - b. Our resources become lost Matthew 5:6 we lose the hungering and thirsting Matthew 5:6
 - c. Yet when peace comes (Philippians 4:7) it is time to rebound resupply our resources Acts 20:32
 - d. It is time for us to grow during peace 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18
 - i. Grow in joy James 1:2
 - ii. Grow in steadfastness 1 Corinthians 15:58
 - iii. Grow in lessons self examination 2 Corinthians 13:5; 1 Corinthians 11:28
 1. Did I bring this onto myself?
 2. Did I complain
 3. Did I handle this in the proper manner?
 4. Did I do what was right
 - iv. Grow in fellowship with God and fellow Christians? 1 John 1:3,6; 2Corinthians 1:4
2. The responsibility when peace comes
 - a. Resist to quit 2 Timothy 4:10 Demas
 - b. Lay hold on eternal life 1 Timothy 6:11-12
 - c. Make our calling and election sure 2 Peter 1:10
 - d. Where we go depends on how we react
3. The results of peace Philippians 4:7
 - a. Putting into action the responsibility of peace
 - b. We share the blessings of peace Ecclesiastes 12:13
 - c. We have the peace of God that passes all understanding, we share that peace Philippians 4:7
 - d. This is a fulfillment of Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16
 - e. We are thus practicing Pure religion James 1:27
 - f. We will learn to love one another

III Conclusion

1. God will see that peace comes to us
2. The devil does not quit 1 Peter 5:8

3. What will we do when peace comes?
 - a. Will we have the rewards of peace and place them into action
 - b. We will then have the responsibility of peace
 - c. Will we see the rewards of peace?
4. It may be that you do not know peace with God that comes by obedience to His Word
5. It may be that you have known but no longer know the peace of God then come back

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