**SPECIAL PEACE**

**II Thessalonians 3:16**

**Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord *be* with you all.**

**INTRO:**

**\*\*In our text, he ends his letter by saying that the Lord of peace will give them peace . . . always. He then says, “by all means.” In other words, by whatever means it takes!**

**\*\*Based on this verse, I believe that the Lord wants to grant us His special peace by whatever means it takes and He wants to do it for us always . . . all the time!**

**\*\*Now you have to understand that the peace that comes from the Lord is a Special Peace!**

**John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.**

**\*\*What makes the Lord’s peace so special?**

 **1. It’s Beyond Uncommon**

 **a. It only comes from one true Lord**

 **b. It only comes from one true Love**

 **2. It’s Beyond Unusual**

 **a. This heavenly peace has our Christ attached to it!**

 **b. This holy peace has our Comforter attached to it!**

 **3. It’s Beyond Understanding**

**Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

 **a. It passes up all the World’s Understanding.**

 **b. It passes up all the Worshipper’s Understanding.**

**Illustration: Just like I enjoy modern technology, I enjoy this special peace of the Lord; however, it’s beyond all of my understanding!**

**\*\*Take note of three things about this Special Peace!**

**I. THIS SPECIAL PEACE IS A PRECIOUS PEACE**

 **A. It Makes God’s Presence Very Precious**

**\*\*When we experience the presence of the Lord we are experiencing the presence of a very precious Prince of Peace!**

**Matthew 28:20b  lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.**

**\*\*Alway – Hemera (Hay May Ruh) – It means daily!**

**\*\*Paul said in our text that the Lord of peace will give us saved folks Precious Peace . . . daily (always)! Christ (the Prince of Peace) said He would give us saved folk His Precious Presence . . . daily (alway)!! That’s not a coincident!**

 **1. Always means He is with me Here if I’m saved!**

 **2. Always means He is with me Hereafter if I’m saved!**

 **B. It Makes God’s Promises Very Precious**

 **1. His Peaceful Promises Strengthens Us**

**II Corinthians 12:9a And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.**

 **a. We’re strengthen by His Peaceful Grace**

 **b. We’re strengthen by His Peaceful Greatness**

 **2. His Peaceful Promises Sustains Us**

**Psalms 55:22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee:**

**\*\*Sustain – Kuwl (Cool) – It means to guide, to hold, to feed or nourish someone. It’s to assist and aid.**

 **a. It’s peaceful knowing He’ll not Forsake Us!**

 **b. It’s peaceful knowing He’ll not Forget Us!**

 **C. It Makes God’s Purpose Very Precious**

**Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.**

**\*\*I do not always understand His purpose, but this is what I do understand . . .**

 **1. I have peace when I accept His purpose and His Abilities.**

 **2. I have peace when I accept His purpose and His Agenda.**

**\*\*Oh how special is His Precious Peace to my soul!**

**II. THIS SPECIAL PEACE IS A POWERFUL PEACE**

 **A. This Powerful Peace Helps Me To Cope!**

**\*\*There’s things that you and I could not have coped with in life if it had not been for the powerful peace of the Lord!**

 **1. Beyond my understanding there’s peace that helps us to cope with the STRESS.**

**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.**

**\*\*Tribulation – Thlipsis (Tha leap sis) – It means you’re going to have troubles that will pressure you and press you!**

**\*\*Thank God His Powerful Peace helps me to cope with the stress!**

 **2. Beyond my understanding there’s peace that helps us to cope with the SORROWS.**

**Matthew 5:4 Blessed *are* they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.**

 **B. This Powerful Peace Helps Me To Continue**

**\*\*His Powerful Peace helps me to continue going on despite the Warfare, the Wounds, the Weeping, and the Windstorms!**

**Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?**

 **C. This Powerful Peace Helps Me To Commit**

[**Proverbs 16:3**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Proverbs-16-3/)**- Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.**

**\*\*When you commit your works to God, you have established peaceful thoughts!**

 **1. This Peace causes me to commit myself to Christ.**

 **2. This Peace causes me to commit myself to Church.**

**\*\*Oh how special is His Powerful Peace to my soul!**

**III. THIS SPECIAL PEACE IS A PERFECT PEACE**

**Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace whose mind *is* stayed *on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.**

**\*\*Here’s some advise about how you can have Perfect Peace!**

 **A. Give God Your Trust**

**\*\*If you want the Perfect Peace of God that goes beyond all understanding, then you must . . .**

 **1. Trust Jesus to be your Savior**

 **2. Trust Jesus to be your Salvation**

 **B. Give God Your Thoughts**

 **\*\*If you want the Perfect Peace of God that goes beyond all understanding, then make sure your mind stays right.**

 **1. Keep your Thoughts on the Holy Scripture**

 **2. Keep your Thoughts on the Heavenly Songs**

 **3. Keep your Thoughts on the Holy Spirit**

 **C. Give God Your Thanks**

**Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.**

**\*\*If you want the Perfect Peace of God that goes beyond all understanding, then keep thanking Him every day for His blessings, His blood, and His book.**

 **1. He will send you Superb Peace**

 **2. He will supply you Spiritual Peace**

**\*\*Oh how special is His Perfect Peace to my soul!**

**CLOSE**

**1. Are you seeking for peace in an area of your life today?**

**2. Are you unsure, unsettled, uncertain, uneasy, unnerved, or upset and just tired of not having any peace about what’s going on in your heart, your head, or your home?**

 **a. You can have this Special Peace in your Soul!**

 **b. You can have this Special Peace in your Salvation.**

 **c. You can have this Special Peace in your Situation.**

 **d. You can have this Special Peace in your Spirit.**

**3. Does this Special Peace really exist? Yes it does!! However, it only comes from the Lord of Peace – the Prince of Peace – Jesus!**

**4. Only Jesus can give you this Special Peace that is so Precious, that is so Powerful, and is so Perfect that it passes all understanding!**

**Illustration: One preacher gave this illustration about peace that passes all understanding. He said, “I once knew a man who had cancer, and it was supposed to take his life. However, the Lord healed that man, and he was faithful to worship the Lord and would so often say, ‘I’m so thankful to God for healing me!’ That is an illustration of peaceful praise.”**

**Then the preacher continued, “On the other hand, I once knew a dear Christian lady who had cancer and spent many days bed ridden and in pain. Many folks would hear her say quite often, ‘Everything is going to be alright. The Lord never makes a mistake, and I have a sweet peace in my heart.’ That my friends is an illustration of perfect peace that passes all understanding. Only God can give you that kind of peace!”**

 ***Peace, peace, wonderful peace,***

**I am resting tonight in this wonderful peace,
Resting sweetly in Jesus’ control;
For I’m kept from all danger by night and by day,
And His glory is flooding my soul!**

**Ah, soul! are you here without comfort and rest,
Marching down the rough pathway of time?
Make Jesus your friend ere the shadows grow dark;
O accept this sweet peace so sublime!**

***Peace, peace, wonderful peace,
Coming down from the Father above!
Sweep over my spirit forever, I pray
In fathomless billows of love!***

**\*\*If you need this Special Peace will you come and sincerely ask God to give you this kind of peace?**

**\*\*If you will sincerely ask for this peace from the Lord, then by all means He will give you that Special Peace!**