

Sermon Series Title: "The Fruit of the Spirit"

Sermon Series Summary: In Christ, we have received new hearts and new life. With this new life, God bears the Fruit of the Spirit. It's not something we do. It's something that God grows within us through His Spirit.

"We are in our "Fruit of the Spirit" sermon series, and through this series, we see that our growth is not quantified by the works we accomplish but is defined by the fruit God's Spirit bears within us through His Son."

Call: 2 Samuel 22:31

Text: Galatians 5:22-23, John 14:25-27

Title: "The Fruit of Peace"

Next Week's Call: 2 Samuel 22:32

Next Week's Text: Galatians 5:22-23, 1 John 3:11-18

Next Week's Title: "The Fruit of Patience"

Future Calls: 2 Samuel 22:33, 47-49, 50-51

Future Titles: "The Fruit of Kindness" (Galatians 5:22-23, 1 Samuel 18:1-9)

Fallen Condition Focus: We don't have peace, because we aren't at peace with God.

Christ redeeming FCF: Christ has made peace between us and God.

Central Truth: We can have the peace of God, because we have peace with God through Christ.

Summary: Our world is marked by fear and anxiety. It is part of our sinful nature to feel this way. However, peace transcends our circumstances and this world by being unbreakable, rooted in eternity. This is made possible through Jesus who made peace with us and God through His blood.

Reflective Questions:

1. How would you describe a person that is peaceful?
2. What is the opposite of peace? What is counterfeit peace?
3. How do we receive this peace?

I. Introduction

- A. Hook
- B. Transition
- C. Proposition
- D. Points

II. What Peace Is Not (vv. 25, 27b)

A. Opposite of Peace

- 1. Being troubled- This is the night before Jesus will be crucified. He has mentioned it several times already.
- 2. Fear- result of Fall
 - 1. One of the most repeated commands- Do Not Fear
 - 2. Bible- enemies and evil; future security and wellbeing; suffering;
- 3. Anxiety/Worry- Matthew 6, Philippians 4
- 4. Fear and anxiety aren't sinful in and of themselves. God allowed us to experience fear and anxiety to guide us and to keep us safe. But when those emotions are tied with ultimate things, that is when we experience brokenness.

B. Not as the world gives- counterfeit peace

- 1. Indifference, apathy, lack of care
- 2. Escape, distraction
- 3. Temporary satisfaction

III. What Peace Is (v. 27a)

A. A fear and a worry greater all other fears and worries

- 1. Matthew 10:28

B. A peace that is greater than all other peace (transcends understanding)

- 1. John 14:1- faith in God and Jesus (what His work accomplished)
- 2. Revelation 1:17
- 3. 1 John 4:18
- 4. Matthew 6, Philippians 4- all call us to look to God (with thanksgiving)

C. MY Peace- Jesus experienced every form of emotion and suffering, but was he anxious, worried, or fearful?

D. True peace is not found in earthly circumstances or earthly treasures. True peace is rooted in eternity- in God Himself. When we believe and understand that God is with us and for us, then we are able to have this peace.

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IV. How We Get It (v. 26-27)

- A. The Holy Spirit is sent to teach us and cause us to remember what Christ has shared. He is the channel of peace on our hearts.
- B. My peace I leave with you... inheritance language
 - 1. Jesus had to die to give us this peace.
 - 2. We are able to have the peace of God because we have peace with God.
 - 3. One place in Jesus' life where He was anxious, restless, fearful: His death. He took on the wrath of God... all anxiety on the cross, so that we can receive His peace.