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* Phil. 4:8-9 6 PM SER.

INT: "Peace does not dwell in outward things, but within the soul; we may preserve it in the midst of the bitterest pain, if our will remains firm and submissive to God. Peace in this life springs from submission, not in an exemption from suffering.

In Paul's love letter to the church at Philippi he shares the secret of INNER PEACE.

This sermon, the scriptures preached backwards. Verse 9 and then verse 8. Good either way!

The blessing then the process to it!
I. VERSE NINE. *Possible! Comforting!*

A. "The God of peace SHALL be with you!"

1. "God is the author, giver and maintainer of peace in those who lead a holy life."
2. This involves the FULLEST ASSURANCE possible of all spiritual blessings in Christ. 1:3.
3. This insures the FULLEST ASSURANCE possible of eternal life. II Tim. 2:10.

B. "Those things which ye have both LEARNED, and RECEIVED, and HEARD and SEEN in me, do!!"

1. Paul HAD this inner peace which he recommends to his friends. Phil. 4:11 & 13.
2. He DARED to set himself up as an EXAMPLE!!
I Cor. 11:1. ✓ Proof: Phil. 2:7-8.

Ill. Niemoller, German preacher, confined to concentration camp by Hitler. Powerful!!

An athiest was put in his cell to break him down. 5th day athiest asked to borrow Martin Niemollers

Bible--so touched by the story of Jesus' love.

Athiest was immediately moved to another cell.

(Knt. I, p. 371.) *Martin gave all-held by Hitler.*

QUESTION: If YOU were placed in a room with a lost soul--would he/she ask for a Bible in 5 days?

II. VERSE EIGHT. "Think on THESE things."

1. Things of GOOD REPORT:

That which is acceptable for God's ears!!!

Not: Ugly, false nor impure. BUT, words which give YOU a good name. Good reputation.

2. Things that are LOVELY.

"That which calls forth love." Minds set on good will, peace, unity and harmony.

NOT: Cynical, critical nor bitter.

3. Things that are PURE.

Literally: "fit to be brought into the presence of God!" MORALLY PURE.

✓ I Cor. 3:16-17. ✓ 6:19-20. Matt. 5:8.

4. Things that are JUST.

Has to do with man's duties in life!!!!

"DUTY FACED, DUTY DONE." Man and God!!!

Complete in Matt. 22:37-39. My duty done!

5. Things that are HONEST.

"He who has the dignity of holiness."

Paraphrased: "The Christian's thoughts are centered, NOT on the light pleasures and easy comforts of life, but rather on the grave, serious and dignified matters of life?"

6. Things that are TRUE.

"The human mind will set itself on something!"

AVOID: Deceptive & illusory promises.

TRUTH in thought, word and actions.....

CONCENTRATE on truth as can be learned from nature and revelation.

BE TRUE: To your engagements! Promises!

Statements! Friendships! To God!!!

PAUL'S CONCLUSION: "All the security and happiness man's soul craves for are available ONLY through the Savior--Christ!!!" PROMISES!!

INV: Note: John 14:6. Matt. 11:28-30. John 14:27.

Ill. To my non-Christian friend: Commend the following benediction to a man's life, who sought the Lord! He is dying. "I go to my everlasting rest. My sun has risen, shone and set. Nay, it is about to rise truly and shine forever! And though I could live to preach Christ a thousand years, I die TO BE WITH HIM, which is far better!" (Knt.II,p.19)

Those who obey Mark 16:16 can say the same thing!

To my unfaithful Christian brother or sister: Commend Isa. 26:3 to your heart!!! and vs. 4.

"THOU WILT KEEP HIM IN PERFECT PEACE-----whose mind is stayed on Thee: Because he trusts in Thee.

Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord, JEHOVAH is everlasting strength."

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