

PEACE THROUGH TRUST

Do you have peace? Peace of heart and mind? If not, why? Scripture says, *"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee"* (Isa.26:3). If you do not have peace, then your mind, your thoughts, your heart must be always on other things - things without, things within; things of this world, the things of man.

Paul, the apostle, was in jail and about to be killed for believing and preaching the Gospel, and yet he was full of peace. Though facing death he had great peace, saying, *"I know Whom I have believed."* He had peace of heart and mind, knowing that, though he was a sinner, Christ came to save sinners, even the chief like himself. He had peace knowing and believing that Christ made peace for Him with God, by the blood of His cross. He had peace of heart and mind knowing, believing, trusting the Lord Who put him in jail; knowing that all he was going through was of the Lord. He knew and trusted the Lord had abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, and so his imminent death was not death at all but his glorious entrance into the eternal kingdom. He knew and trusted that the Lord reigned and ruled over all, and all things were for the glory of God, the good of His people and the furtherance of His kingdom. He had perfect peace believing, trusting and thinking on things above, thinking on His Lord and eternal glory with Him. Yes, with his mind, his heart, his affection stayed, fixed, settled on *'things above, not on things on earth . . . where Christ, his life was'*, Paul had peace, perfect peace by believing and trusting His Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

If you have no peace, it is certain you do not really believe and trust the Lord. It is certain that you are looking without or within for something, for someone to give you some help, comfort,

assurance and peace. I'm quite sure, you must be listening to and looking to human reasoning and human wisdom . . . looking to and listening to the world, the media, science, medicine, things on earth, to give you some peace of mind and heart. What is the first thing you do each morning? Do you look at and listen to what the world is doing or saying? It is no wonder then if you have no peace during the day. Whereas, if you would start your day looking to and listening to Him Who rules the world, then the world would not rule you and overcome you, but rather your faith would overcome the world. If you listened to and believed God rather than men, you would have the peace of God. Let me quote this passage one more time . . . *"They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy"* (Jonah 2:8). David said, *"I said in my haste, all men are liars."* God cannot lie. Why not listen to, believe and trust the Lord. *"It is better to TRUST IN THE LORD than to put confidence in man"* Trust man, have fear. Trust the Lord, have peace. (Read Ps.56)

Paul Mahan

FAITH

Faith is not life giving, but proof of life. Faith is not a work *for* salvation, but a work *of* salvation. Faith is not what saves us, but is certain proof God has saved us. Faith is not a condition we meet, but the condition God's Spirit puts in us to *"make us meet"* (Col.1:12). Is all this important? Do we split theological hairs here? NO! NO! For the Glory of God is at stake! That other (false) gospel says faith is man's work, man's will. But no, faith is *"not of yourselves, but the gift of God"* (Eph.2:8). Faith is *"according to the working of His mighty power"* (Eph.1:19). Therefore, it is *"to the praise of the glory of His grace"* (Eph.1:6) . . . and not rather *"to the praise of our faith."*

Paul Mahan

Two pieces by Paul Mahan this week. He is scheduled to preach 3 times this week-end at Clay Curtis's conference, in Ewing, NJ, USA. Messages will be available on Sermon Audio.

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10:30 am (GMT+1h) Service

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Romans 11:33-36

100 to 97

I Watts

1 Jesus, with all thy saints above,
My tongue would bear her part;
Would sound aloud thy saving love,
And sing thy bleeding heart.

2 Blest be the Lamb, my dearest Lord,
Who bought me with his blood,
And quenched his Father's flaming sword
In his own vital flood;

3 The Lamb that freed my captive soul
From Satan's heavy chains,
And sent the lion down to howl
Where hell and horror reigns.

4 All glory to the dying Lamb,
And never-ceasing praise,
While angels live to know his name,
Or saints to feel his grace.

Prayer

Exodus 12:1-14

Prayer

19 to 228

I Watts

1 Behold the glories of the Lamb,
Amidst his Father's throne;
Prepare new honours for his name,
And songs before unknown.

4 Eternal Father, who shall look
Into thy secret will?
Who but the Son shall take that book,
And open every seal?

5 He shall fulfil thy great decrees;
The Son deserves it well;
Lo! in his hands the sovereign keys
Of heaven, and death, and hell.

6 Now to the Lamb that once was slain,
Be endless blessings paid;
Salvation, glory, joy remain
For ever on thy head.

7 Thou hast redeemed our souls with blood,
Hast set the prisoners free,
Hast made us kings and priests to God,
And we shall reign with thee.

Sermon

150 to 808

J Berridge

The sweet Lamb of God comes forth to be
slain,
And offers his blood to purge off our stain;
With bitterest anguish and groans on the tree,
The Saviour did languish for sinners like me.

2
Look on him, my soul, and gaze on his smart;
His cries may control the lusts of thy heart;
His blood has set often the worst broken bones;
His love too can soften hearts harder than
stones.

4
Lo! here is a feast of delicate food,
For prodigals dressed, yet costly and good.
Our Father provided this Lamb for a treat;
And if you are minded, you freely may eat.

5
None other repast my spirit would have;
Thy flesh let me taste, sweet Lamb, and yet
crave;
Thy blood ever flowing my pleasant cup be;
Thy fleece on earth growing make clothing for
me.

6
Thus covered and fed at thy proper cost,
Thy path I would tread which pleases my host.
Thy patience inherit, thy lowliness prove,
Catch all thy sweet Spirit, and burn with thy
love.