

# The Peace of God from The God of Peace

Sermon 19 in the Philippians Series

## Philippians 4:4-9

Intro:

v. 1 – Paul expresses his love for the Philippians

v.2-3 – Paul deals with a disagreement between two godly ladies

Last week we dealt with anxiety focusing on v. 4-7.

### I. Five Directives to Fight Anxiety 4:4-9

#### 1. Focus on the Lord v. 4, 5, 6, 7, 9

v. 4 – Rejoice in the Lord – always.

v. 5 – The Lord is at hand

v. 6c – Let your requests be made known to God

v. 7 – The peace of God...through Christ Jesus

v. 9 – The God of peace will be with you

#### 2. Rejoice in the Lord v. 4

This shows that we are not living our lives under the circumstances, but really do believe and trust in God and know that He is in control.

The classic O.T. poetic passage on this is **Habakkuk 3:17-18**

<sup>17</sup> Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines;  
Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food;  
Though the flock may be cut off from the fold,  
And there be no herd in the stalls—

<sup>18</sup> Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Rejoicing does not mean you are always happy.

Rejoice does not mean we don't feel and experience grief at a loss.

It is not "don't worry" – "be happy".

#### 3. Let your Gentleness be known to all People

**Titus 3:2** - to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, **gentle**, showing all humility to all men.

**2 Corinthians 10:1** -- Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and **gentleness** of Christ

**1 Timothy 3:3** it is a qualification for an elder.

**Phil. 2:4** – the word is not there – but the idea behind it is.

People are often the source of our stress – while the Lord is the source of our joy.

#### 4. Replace worry with Prayer v. 6

**Prayer** in everything

**Supplication** – begging (but keeping in mind that your Father desires to give you good gifts)

**With Thanksgiving** –

**Let your requests be made known to God!**

#### 5. Follow the Teaching and Practice of Paul (the example of a godly man) v. 9

What you learned – what you received -- what you heard (Apostolic teaching)

What you saw in me (apostolic example)

Do (this is Christian living)

You want the peace of God (v. 7)?

It only comes from the God of peace (v. 9)

## II. Think on these Things 4:8

### A. Six “Whatever’s”

1. true (as opposed to deceit and lies)
2. noble (honorable)
3. just (true equity according to God’s standards)
4. pure (as opposed to impurity)
5. lovely (the opposite is ugly and grotesque)
6. good report (commendable)

### B. Two – “Anything’s”

1. virtue
2. Praiseworthy

## III. The Conclusion and End Result

The peace of God (v.7) which come from the God of peace (v. 9) will be yours.