

Unsearchable Riches

Unsearchable Riches The Peace of God

Ephesians 3:8

8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,
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One of the unsearchable riches of Christ is the peace of God.

Many people suffer from what are called anxiety disorders.

- Anxiety Disorders affect 18.1 percent of adults in the United States (approximately 40 million adults between the ages of 18 to 54). - National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).
- Current estimates put this number much higher - *approximately 30 percent* - as many people don't seek help, are misdiagnosed, or don't know they have issues with anxiety.
- 43% of North Americans take mood altering prescriptions regularly.
- Recreational drugs are also used to cope with anxiety. 42% of young adults in America regularly use recreational drugs (National Institute on Drug Abuse)
- Those who experience anxiety have a very high propensity for alcohol abuse, drug abuse, and other addictions.

God understands that we live in a world that appears to us to be out of control. There are wars and rumors of war. There is the threat of earthquakes, storms, famine, and drought. There is the threat of crime. There is the constant threat of disease, accidents, and disability. There is the threat of financial ruin. There is the threat of the death of loved ones and abandonment. There is the threat of evil irrational men. If you listen to the news, it seems that the whole world has gone insane. There is the threat of aging and death.

Thank God, we do not live during the time that the bible was written and one of the greatest threats was wild beasts.

The United States is the most powerful nation in the world. There has never been a nation as powerful or as prosperous as the United States. Despite our power and prosperity, our citizens are afraid and so many are suffering from anxiety and fear. For many, that fear has become anger.

God does not want us to be living in fear. About 365 times, God says fear not in the bible. The fact that God said this so many time reveals that God understands and knows us. It also reveals that God cares.

The opposite of fear and anxiety is peace.

When the birth of Jesus was announced, the angel said...

[Luke 2:14](#)

[14 "Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"
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In the coming of Jesus, God did not promise peace on earth between men.

[Luke 12:51-52](#)

[51 Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather
division.
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Through Jesus, God promised peace with Him and peace in the souls of men.

[John 14:27-28](#)

[27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let
not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
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The apostle Paul believed peace was so important to the spiritual life of his disciples that he began each of his 13 letters by blessing them with peace and many times he ended his letters with the same blessing.

[Romans 1:7](#)

[7 To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
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[Ephesians 6:23-24](#)

[23 Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ. 24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.
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God wants us to be at peace with Him and at peace in our soul.

Like wrath, anxiety is not something we can control. Anxiety will cause us to sin. If we do not learn how to conquer fear and anxiety, we will abuse ourselves and we will abuse others.

Peace is one of the unsearchable riches of Christ. It is one of the fruit of the Spirit.

Through Jesus we can experience peace with God and we can experience the peace of God. Paul said the peace of God is a peace that passes all comprehension. (Ephesians 4:6). It defies logic.

- [How do we experience peace with God?](#)

In the old testament one of the names of God is Jehovah Shalom. (Judges 6:24). It means the Lord is peace.

That name was given to God by a man named Gideon. Gideon was chosen by God to be a great warrior to lead Israel to freedom from their enemies. Gideon saw God. He thought he was going to die because he had seen God. An angel spoke to him and told him he was going to be shown mercy by God and he was not going to die. Gideon built an altar and offered a sacrifice and He called that altar Jehovah Shalom, the Lord is Peace.

About 1200 years later, God would send His son Jesus to pay for the sins of the world. Through Jesus God offered the whole world mercy and peace with Him.

The apostle Paul said...

[Romans 5:1](#)

[5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, NKJV](#)

[Ephesians 2:14-16](#)

[14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,](#)

[15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,](#)

[16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.](#)

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You can only experience peace with God through Jesus.

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Based on God's definition of marriage, when a woman gets married, she enters into a partnership in which her husband assumes total responsibility for providing for her physical needs, protecting her physical being, and leading her to follow God, no matter what happens to her. Everything that is his, becomes hers. In our culture, one of the ways that this has been symbolized is that the woman takes her husband's last name. As far as the peace that men can give you, a woman's wedding day should provide the ultimate experience for a woman.

In the gospel of Jesus Christ, those who believe in Jesus become members of His church. In Ephesians 5, Paul compared the church to a bride. Receiving Jesus is compared to marriage because everything that belongs to Jesus becomes ours.

In other words, we are not just saved from divine judgment by the atonement of Jesus, but...

We are one with Jesus

We are united with Jesus

We are partakers with Jesus

We are joint heirs with Jesus

We are sharers with Jesus

We are beneficiaries of Jesus

Here are a few of the specific ways that the apostles said we are heirs with Jesus.

- We are raised together and seated with Jesus in the heavenly places. (Eph. 2:4-6).
- We are reigning in Jesus. (Rev. 1:6)
- We are citizens of a holy nation in Jesus. (Phil. 3:20)
- We are members of a royal priesthood in Jesus. (1 Peter 2:9)
- We are sons of God in Jesus. (John 1:12-13)
- We are God's chosen people in Jesus. (Ephesians 1:4)
- We are partakers of God's divine nature in Jesus. (2 Peter 1:4)

We share His glory, His riches, and all things. Within this partnership with Jesus, everything we could possibly need has been accounted for. Paul says it like this. We are in Christ!

- We are forgiven of sin in Jesus
- We are delivered from the power of sin in Jesus
- We are eternally secure in Jesus
- We are a new man with a new identity in Jesus
- We have a new purpose in Jesus
- We have hope for the future in Jesus
- We are in a relationship in Jesus
- We are complete in Jesus
- We are comforted in Jesus
- We are satisfied in Jesus
- We are strong in Jesus
- We are victorious over our enemy and His in Jesus
- We are victorious over death in Jesus

Because we are in Jesus there is nothing left in life for us to fear or to be anxious about.

The Greek word for anxiety means to take thought; to set your thoughts; to entertain thoughts. What causes anxiety is taking thought of things that are God's responsibility.

When we experience anxiety, we need to remember who we are in Jesus and turn to Jesus in prayer. We need to tell Him that we know that we are in Him and because of our union with Him, we have everything we need.

Paul said it like this...

[Philippians 4:6-7](#)

[6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;](#)

[7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.](#)

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Conclusion:

- Being around certain people makes me feel peaceful.
When I was a child, I would have night mares. My step mother at that time would come into my room and sit down with me on my bed and it would bring me peace. On many occasions, I have been hugged and it brought me peace. There have been times when I have felt threatened and seeing a policeman has brought me peace.
- Being in certain places has brought me peace.
When I was a young man, my home was not a place of peace. I can remember visiting the homes of various friends in the church and I would notice that their homes were a place of peace. I love the mountains of Colorado. One of the reasons I love them is that the mountains to me are a place of peace.
- Being financially secure has brought me peace.
There have been those times when I could not afford something that we needed. Someone would bless me with a gift that more than met our needs and I would feel peace.
- Being informed has brought me peace.
I have experienced peace when I or someone I love has received a good medical report after a medical test. I have experienced peace when I know someone I love is in a safe place.
- Being successful has brought me peace.
There have been many times when my team won a big game and I felt peace. When I was a student, there were many times when I saw my grade after a test and I felt peace. There have many times when I have completed a major project and I have felt peace.

- I can eat and it can bring me peace.

What do all these situations have in common? In each one of these situations, there was a change in my circumstances that brought me peace.

What is promised in Jesus is a peace that is not dependent upon any change in my circumstances. It is a peace that is beyond comprehension.

It is the peace that Paul experienced during his most difficult trials.

[2 Corinthians 11:24-29](#)

[24 From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one.](#)

[25 Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep;](#)

[26 in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;](#)

[27 in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness —](#)

[28 besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.](#)

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Paul would go on to say...

[2 Corinthians 12:10](#)

[10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.](#)

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You can only receive this peace if you are at peace with God through Jesus Christ.

You can only experience this peace if you are trusting in Christ for all that you need. You must live life by sharing His life.

Will you receive Jesus and be at peace with God?

Will you trust in Jesus for everything you need?