

Peace with Others – Part 2 (Philippians 4:1-5)

Here is chapter 4 Paul addresses *peace*—first is our peace with others followed by our peace within ourselves and finally peace within our circumstances.

Paul's goal is for his audience to know peace and enjoy peace with others.

- ✓ Peace in His *Delivery*
- ✓ Peace *Defined*
- ✓ Peace *Described*

To be “*content*” is to be at peace as it speaks of being satisfied “*in whatsoever state*” that Paul found himself in. Notice that it was a learned state of mind.

- A heart that is filled with peace knows joy and responds to life by rejoicing while being a gracious blessing in gentleness.
- A noisy soul will be lacking grace and peace toward others. It will be ruled by bitterness and manifests itself in anger, divisiveness and selfishness.

In the first 5 verses I see Paul describing for us 5 different mindsets that are pivotal in order to have peace with others.

I. Paul speaks about *stable*-mindedness—A *trusting* mindset (v. 1)

The root of lacking peace is unbelief. This unbelief is the cause for a noisy soul.

The remedy for stabilizing peace and quieting our noisy souls is believing what God says in His Word true—relying upon the stabilizing truths of Scripture. Paul fills this chapter with these stabilizing truths.

II. Paul speaks about *like*-mindedness—A *unifying* mindset (v. 2)

Proverbs 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is **Wisdom**.

Stabilizing truths: What God hates...

Cf. Proverbs 6:16-19

What God loves...obedience → He responds with blessing.

Cf. Proverbs 6:20-24

III. Paul speaks about _____-mindedness—An _____ mindset (v. 3)

Philippians 2:4 Look not every man on his own things [*interests*], but every man also on the things [*interests*] of others.

Our example is Christ. He came seeking to meet our greatest need.

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

IV. Paul speaks about _____-mindedness—An _____ mindset (v. 4)

Joy is an attitude that is Spirit-given being based upon truth.

cf. **Psa 103:2** – Remembering the benefits of God gives us reason to rejoice.

Deuteronomy 10:21 He is thy praise, and He is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things [*awesome*], which thine eyes have seen.

When “*He is thy praise*” then God is the song in our mouth because He has given His children so much to praise Him for.

Paul Chappell – Joy is the heart's response when we choose to obey God's command to rejoice in Him.

Acts 5:41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

V. Paul speaks about _____-mindedness—An _____ mindset (v. 5)

Gentleness is the response to the difficulties of life from a heart that is resting and trusting in the Lord.

A. Rest in God's _____

Psalm 46:10 Be still [*relax in trust*], and know that I AM God:...

Hebrews 13:5-6 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. **6** So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

B. Rest in God's _____

Job 23:10 But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.