

***The Risen
Christ
Brings Peace***

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19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD.

21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

John 20:19-29 - continued

23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

John 20:19-29 - continued

27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God.

29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

Introduction

A. Mankind's Search For Peace

1. The search has continued since the first sin

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

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A. Mankind's Search For Peace - continued

2. The wicked cannot find peace

Isaiah 57:21

There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

3. The last days will experience false peace

1 Thessalonians 5:3

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

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B. Jesus Promises Peace

1. Isaiah's prophecy of Christ, The Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

2. Jesus promises peace

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Introduction

**The Risen Christ Is The Source
Of Peace**

Romans 15:33

Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

I. We Can Have Peace When We Are Afraid (20:19)

**“Where the disciples were assembled for fear of the
Jews”**

**A. The disciples were in hiding instead of heralding the
resurrection of Christ**

B. Jesus appeared to the disciples when they were afraid

“No door can shut out Christ’s presence”

– Matthew Henry

I. We Can Have Peace When We Are Afraid (20:19)

**C. When Jesus comes he speaks peace to fearful hearts
Luke 24:38**

And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

**D. Faith in the crucified and risen Christ takes our fears
away**

2 Peter 1:2

**Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the
knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,**

II. We Can Have Peace When We Are Apprehensive (20:20-21)

“He shewed unto them his hands and his side”

A. The doubting disciples were now amazed that Christ is risen

1. What would this mean to them?

2. Would they be up to the responsibilities this would bring?

II. We Can Have Peace When We Are Apprehensive (20:20-21)

“He shewed unto them his hands and his side”

B. Jesus speaks peace to those he is about to assign the task of world evangelism

1. “As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you”

2. They would not go in their own strength but in the power of the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

II. We Can Have Peace When We Are Apprehensive (20:20-21)

“He shewed unto them his hands and his side”

**B. Jesus speaks peace to those he is about to assign the
task of world evangelism - continued**

**3. We can be at peace about the power we need to
witness for the risen Christ**

Luke 12:11-12

**11 And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and
unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or
what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:**

**12 For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour
what ye ought to say.**

III. We Can Have Peace When We Feel Alone

(20:26-29)

“And Thomas with them”

- A. Thomas must have felt alone among these believers**
- B. Closed doors could not keep Jesus from dispelling the doubts of Thomas**

WARNING: Only a closed heart and mind will keep Jesus away

Hebrews 12:25

See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

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C. Jesus brings proof and peace to the disciple who felt alone

Acts 1:3

To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

D. Faithlessness had brought the doubt (v 27)

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

Are You Enslaved By Fear?

Trust Christ And Have Peace

Are You Apprehensive About Serving?

Trust Christ And Have Peace

Do You Feel Alone?

**Trust Christ and Never Feel Alone
Again**