



The Peace of God

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The Peace of God – Theme Text

Philippians 4:7 – and **the peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

- Peace **with** God at the beginning of the Christian way.
- Peace is one of the graces and fruits of the spirit.

The Peace of God

- Inherent condition of tranquility, serenity, calmness, quiet
- An essential characteristic of moral perfection
- Confident rest that all will work according to His plan
- A peace that nothing can disturb

A Greatly Disturbed World



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R1245 – “The Millennial blessings will not come in peaceably as they might do if love controlled mankind. Men, believing that *they* are bringing about the change of dispensation, rejecting God at the helm of affairs, and seeking to gain by force the blessings longed for, must learn their mistake before they are ushered into the blessings.

To bless their methods would be to confirm them in their error and to make them arrogant and proud. To enter the Millennium thus would be to their disadvantage. Accordingly, their own efforts are, under God's supervision, to teach men humility and their own utter inability to establish justice and peace in the world.”

The Peace of God – Context

Philippians 4:4–6 – Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness (*moderation*) be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition (*supplication*), with thanksgiving, present your requests to God . . . *NRSV*

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Philippians 4:8–9 . . . Finally, whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And **the God of peace will be with you.** *NRSV*



Peace and God's Emotional Nature

R1834 – The mind of God indicates clearly an emotional nature in the divine being, of which fact we might also judge from the realization of our own emotional nature, since man was created in God's image. No, dear friends, God is not a God of stoical indifference, insensible to the emotions of pleasure and pain; but the perfect poise of his attributes preserves the equilibrium of peace under all circumstances, whether of pain or pleasure.

Peace and God's Emotional Nature

Isaiah 14:12 – How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!

Ezekiel 18:32 – For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,” says the Lord GOD.



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Psalm 40:2 – He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay

Exodus 3:7 – And the LORD said: “I have surely seen the oppression of My people who *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.



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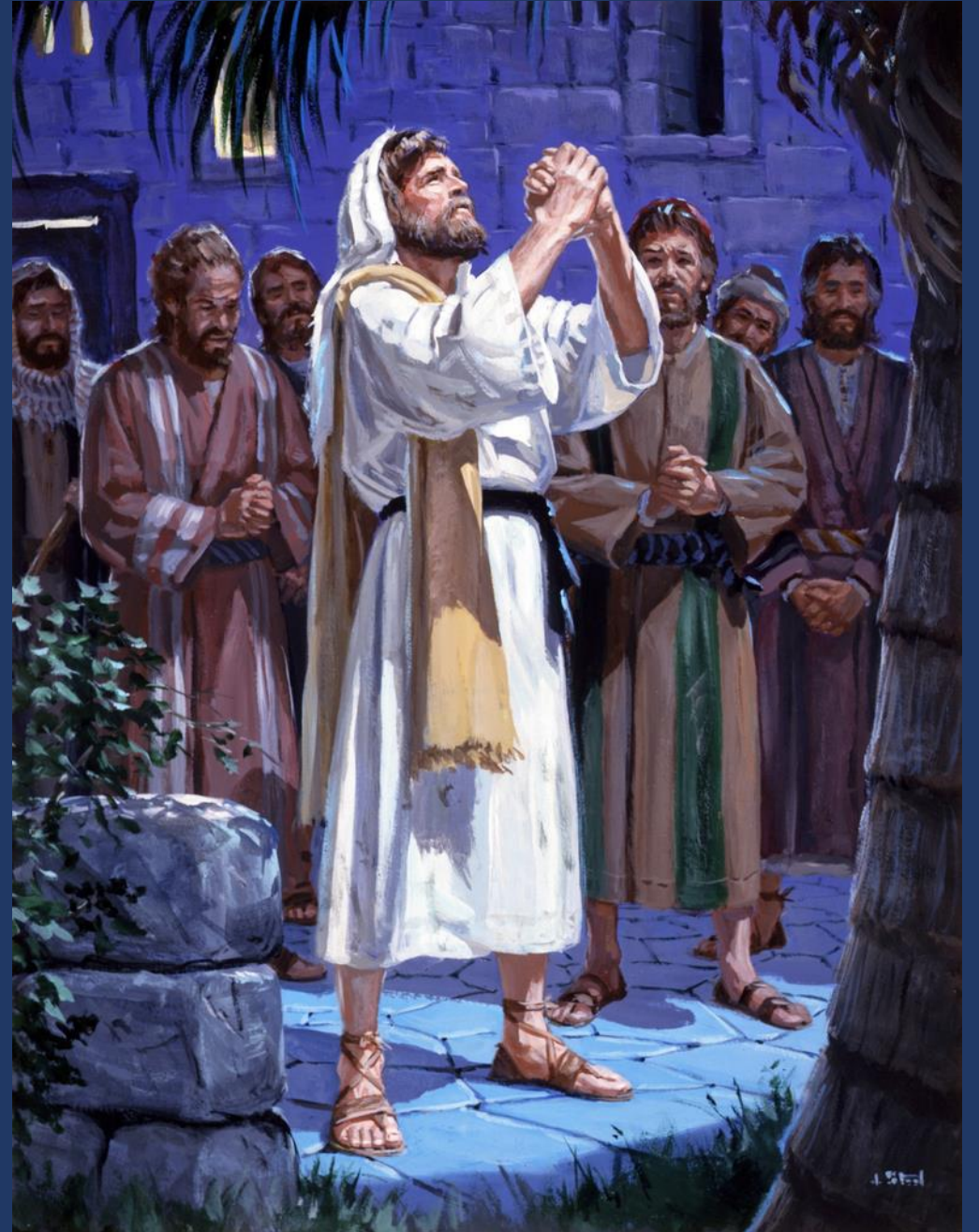
John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life



Jesus' Peace

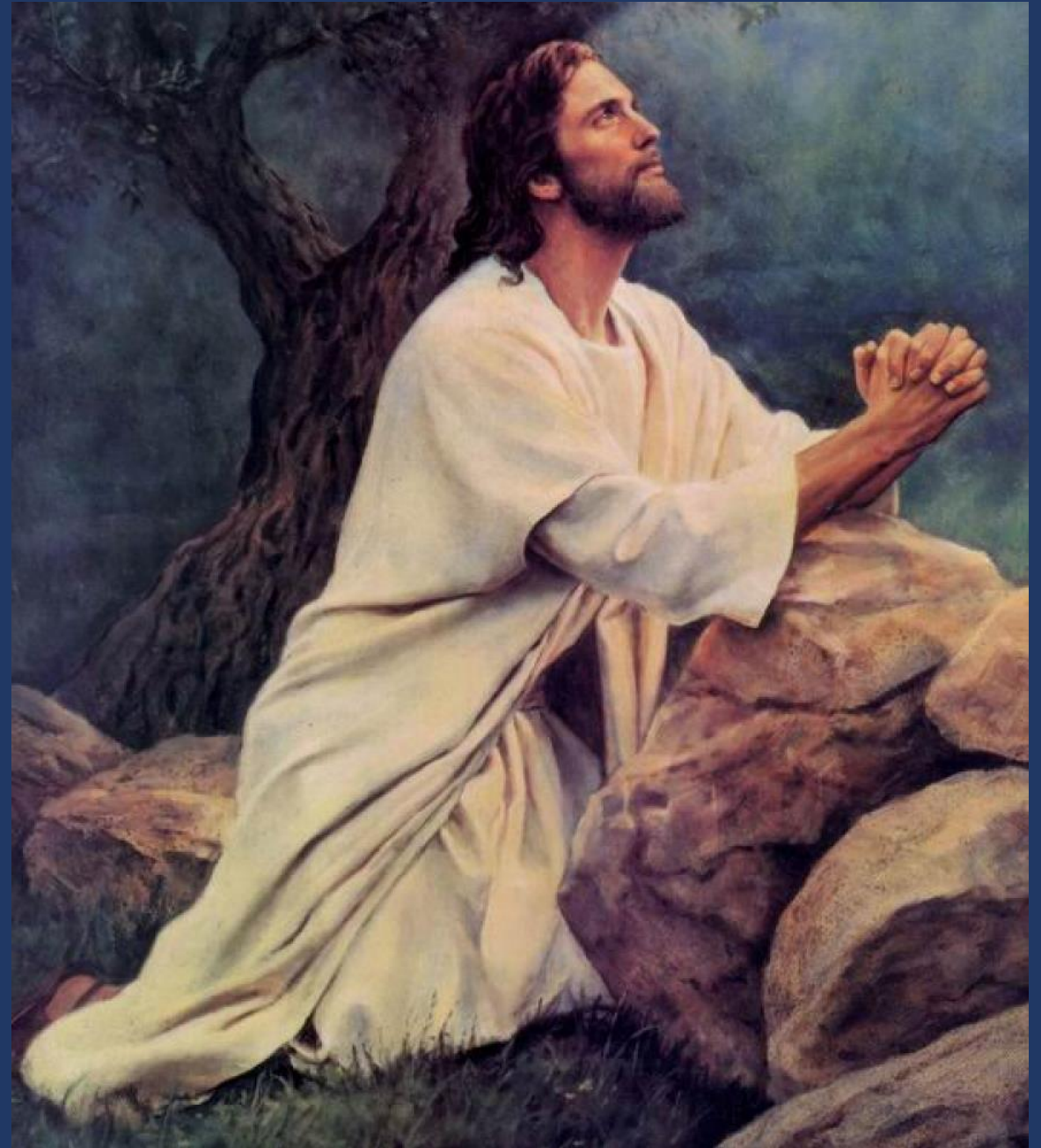
John 14:27 – Peace I leave with you, **My peace** I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.

John 16:33 – These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”



Jesus' Peace

Hebrews 5:7-8 – who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear.





Peace in Nature

Thriving in Extreme
Environments



The Peace of God Guards the New Creature

R4898 - This peace comes “to us through a realization of God's power, of His goodness and willingness to hold us by His right hand as His children. **This peace stands guard continually, as a sentinel, to challenge every hostile or worrying thought or fear.** It so keeps the Christian's mind that he at heart has peace with the Lord, fellowship, communion; and it guards his mind also, his reasoning faculties, instructing him and assuring him respecting the Divine power, wisdom and love.”

The Peace of God Guards the Mind

Isaiah 26:3 – You will keep *him* in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on *You*, Because he trusts in You.

Psalms 119:165 – Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

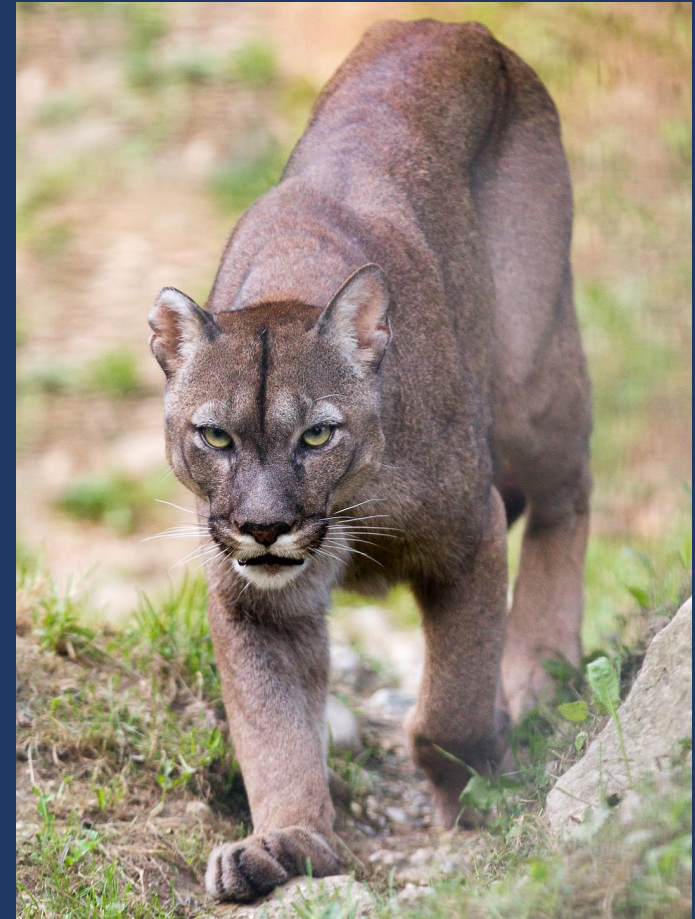
The Peace of God Guards the Heart

Proverbs 3:1–2 – My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands; For length of days and long life and peace they will add to you.

Isaiah 32:17 – The work of righteousness will be peace,
And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

Challenges to the Christian's Peace

1 Peter 5:8–9 – Your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

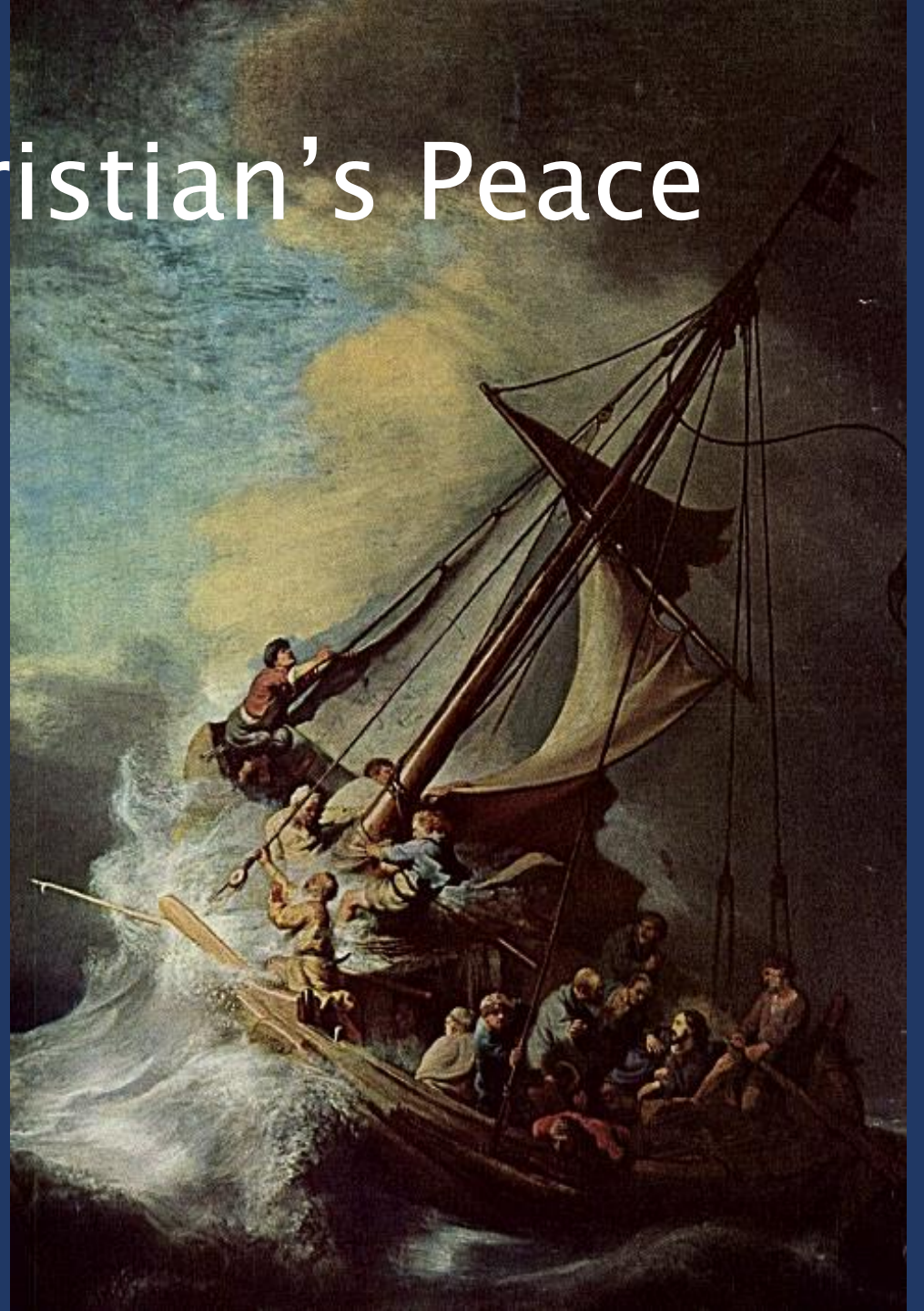


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Mark 4:37-39 - a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.

Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke him and said "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

Jesus arose, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "**Peace, be still!**" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. *NKJV*



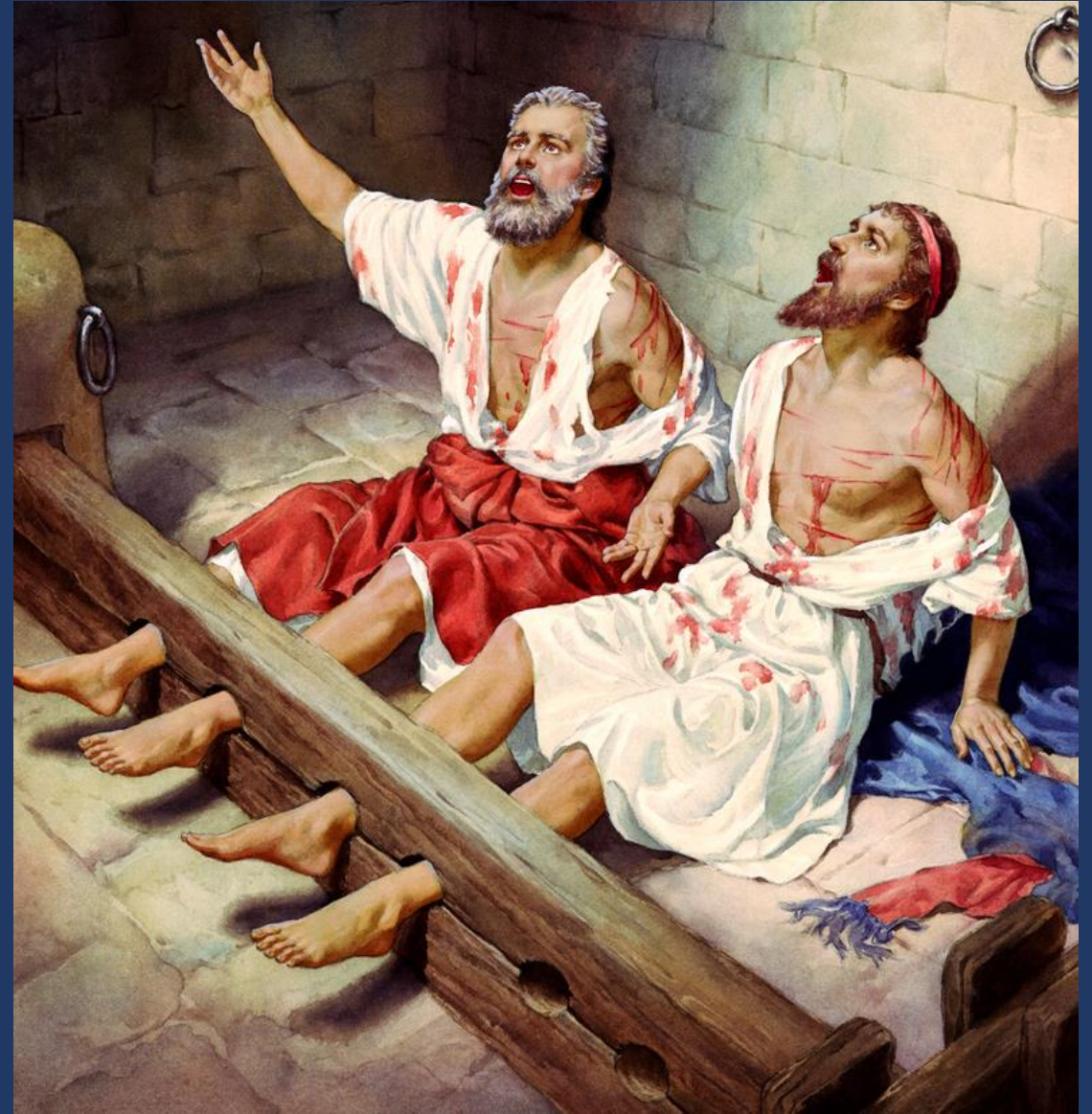
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John 16:33 – In the world you will have tribulation . . .

John 17:14-15 - the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.



Challenges to the Christian's Peace

Galatians 5:17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you can not do the things that you would. *NASV-KJV*



Challenges to the Christian's Peace

2 Corinthians 7:5 – For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without *were* fightings, within *were* fears.



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R5802 – It is when continued trust in the Lord and His many responsive providences in our lives have ripened into precious personal acquaintance and intimacy that we learn to delight in Him. Yes, it is when heart answers to heart, when pleading prayer brings recognized answers of peace, when the Divine love and care have been clearly seen in the guidance of our way, that we can recognize the abiding presence with us of the Father and the Son. Then, however dark may be our way, however severe may be the storm that rages about us, the thought of Divine protection is ever with us.

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R2456 – This peace can accept by faith whatever divine providence permits, and can look through its tears with joyful expectancy for the ultimate blessings which the Master has promised, and of which the present peace and joy are merely foretastes.

