

## JESUS CHRIST: PRE-EMINENT IN PEACE

Biblical/Christian Peace is...

- ...hardly ever defined, but often illustrated - Dan 6:19-21; Acts 16:19-34
- ...not seen merely as the absence of conflict - Jo 16:33
- ...built around the idea of wholeness and wellness - "shalom"
- ...not found naturally here on earth - Jo 14:27

JESUS CHRIST, PRE-EMINENT IN PEACE, GUARANTEES US PEACE WITH GOD

- ...As We Accept His Righteousness - Col 1:19-22
- The Human Dilemma Is One of Separation and Sinfulness - Ro 3:10-11,23; 5:10; Col 1:19
- The Divine Solution Is One of Reconciliation and Righteousness - Is 32:17; II Co 5:21

JESUS CHRIST, PRE-EMINENT IN PEACE, GRACES US WITH THE PEACE OF GOD

- ...As We Accept His Reign/Rule - Col 3:15
- We Have An Unbreakable Union With God - I Co 6:17; Heb 13:5
- In Any Situation, We Have Two Options for Peace - Jo 16:33
  - ..."in the world": the place of self-determination/rule
  - ..."in Me" (Christ): the place of God-determination/rule
- To abide in Him is to have His peace ruling in our hearts - Col 3:15

JESUS CHRIST, PRE-EMINENT IN PEACE, GRANTS US PEACE WITH OURSELVES

- ...As We Accept His Re-creation of us - II Co 5:17
- The Worldly Path to Peace with Ourselves Is the Way of Self-Help/Improvement
  - ...God made life so that self-absorbed people cannot make it work
- God's Path to Peace With Ourselves Is the Gift of a New You - Ro 6:6,11; Ga 2:20
  - ...Peace with myself is not dependent upon how I look, but where I look - Col 3:1-4
  - ...It is not rooted in self-esteem but in Christ-esteem

JESUS CHRIST, PRE-EMINENT IN PEACE, GIVES US PEACE TO GIVE AWAY - Matt 5:9;  
II Co 5:19-20

- ...We testify to its reality in every aspect of our lives - Col 3:17; Ro 14:19