Scripture References (KJB) for the Sermon on 'Peace' preached at Berean Baptist Church on Sunday, May 16, 2021 by Pastor R.Bruce Redding...

A. It is very important to note that Peace is associated with the Triune God in the Scriptures...

1. God of peace (5x)...

Rom 15:33 Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

- **Rom 16:20** And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.
- **Phil 4:9** Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.
- **1Thes 5:23** And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Heb 13:20-21** Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, (21) Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.
- **2. The LJC is called the Prince of Peace** in Isa. 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**.
- **3. The HS and peace are joined together** in Eph 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Now secondly...

B. "Peace" can be studied in 2 aspects....1) the outcome of reconciliation and 2) the outworking of restfulness...

1. The peace of reconciliation...

- Acts 10:36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)
- **Rom 5:1** Therefore being justified by faith, **we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ: [also read v.6-11]
- **Rom 8:5-10** For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. (6) For to be carnally minded is death; **but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.** (7) Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. (8) So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. (9) But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. (10) And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

- **Rom 10:15** And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the **gospel of peace**, and bring glad tidings of good things!
- Eph 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- **Col 1:20** And, **having made peace through the blood of his cross**, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

2. But now, the fruit of the Spirit which is peace....this has to do with the other aspect of peace....the peace of restfulness!

- **1Thes 5:13** And to esteem them (your pastors)very highly in love for their work's sake. And **be at peace among yourselves.**
- **Rom 14:19** Let us therefore follow after **the things which make for peace**, and things wherewith one may edify another.
- **1 Cor 14:33** For God is not the author of confusion, **but of peace**, as in all churches of the saints.
- **2** Cor 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.
- Heb 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:
- Rom 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

What do the Scriptures say about the production of peace...? 1. Have a mind stayed on Christ.....

Isa 26:3-4 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, **whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.** (4) Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength

2. Abide in Christ....

- 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.
- John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

3. Have your heart ruled by God....

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God **rule in your hearts**, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

4. Have your life submitted to the LORD...

2 Th 3:16 Now **the Lord of peace himself give you peace** always **by all means**. The Lord be with you all.

5. Don't worry.....pray and meditate!

Phil 4:6-9 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (7) And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (8) Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think (meditate) on these things**. (9) Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and **the God of peace** shall be with you.

Peace is the rightful possession of the believer...the unrighteous, while they may appear to have peace and may even try and convince you that they are at peace, in reality before the LORD are without it!

Isa 48:22 There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked. **Isa 57:21** There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.