

I THESS 1:1 "STILL IN ONE PEACE"

INTRO. Grace always comes first.

In the OT, the word is "Shalom" - "the state of integrity, harmony and completeness within a person's life". It means order and well-being.

The NT word means to have an untroubled, undisturbed well-being. It comes from a root word that means "to _____", which is interesting, since the word "_____ " in the Greek language means "to tear apart."

I. THERE ARE THREE KINDS OF BIBLICAL PEACE

A. PEACE _____ GOD - Rom. 5:1- "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

B. PEACE _____ GOD - Col. 3:15 - "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." John 14:27 - "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you like the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." Rom. 8:35-39

C. PEACE WITH _____ - Rom. 12:18 - "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

II. HOW CAN WE HAVE THAT PEACE?

A. ACCEPT GOD'S PARDON (peace with God) _____ comes first!

B. _____ GOD'S PRINCIPLES - Ps. 119:165 - "Great peace have they who love Your Law, and nothing can make them stumble."

C. _____ ON GOD'S PRESENCE - Isa. 26:3 (KJV) - thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because He trusts in Thee. "Safety consists not in the absence of danger but in the presence of God."

D. TRUST GOD'S _____ Rom. 8:28; Isa. 26:3; Phil. 4:6,7 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

E. FOLLOW GOD'S PROCEDURE - Phil. 4:6,7

1) Don't worry about anything

A key concept: Worry is over what you can't do anything about.

2) Pray about _____

a) Prayer - a general word

b) Petition - supplication (KJV) - _____ and earnest prayer

c) With thanksgiving!!! Don't forget to thank Him!!

3) And then, peace!

