



## PEACE WITH GOD – Part 3 Peace Through Obedience

Okay, here we go! Welcome back.

Tonight, we have another opportunity to find true PEACE WITH GOD. I think we all want and value peace!

a) Peace with Others, **Romans 12:16-21**

1. If you don't have peace with \_\_\_\_\_, you won't have peace with \_\_\_\_\_.

b) Peace in Trials, **Isaiah 66:12**

2. Stop looking \_\_\_\_\_ . Look \_\_\_\_\_ !

c) Peace through Obedience, **Galatians 5:16-17, John 14:15-18**

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ within you will \_\_\_\_\_ be at peace with \_\_\_\_\_ !

Okay -- you've decided to give up resentment and to trust God in trials, yet maybe, you still have not found peace!

4. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ can keep us from having PEACE WITH GOD.

**Job 22:21-28** *“Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; Thereby good will come to you. <sup>22</sup> Receive, please, instruction from His mouth, And lay up His words in your heart. <sup>23</sup> If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up; You will remove iniquity far from your tents. <sup>24</sup> Then you will lay your gold in the dust, And the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks. <sup>25</sup> Yes, the Almighty will be your gold And your precious silver; <sup>26</sup> For then you will have your delight in the Almighty, And lift up your face to God. <sup>27</sup> You will make your prayer to Him, He will hear you, And you will pay your vows. <sup>28</sup> You will also declare a thing, And it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways.*

How many are OK with their own bad behaviors?

I know for me, I torment myself --- the Spirit hounds me and I welcome that. I have my bad behaviors.

**Romans 7:15-25** *<sup>15</sup> For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. <sup>16</sup> If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. <sup>17</sup> But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. <sup>19</sup> For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. <sup>21</sup> I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. <sup>23</sup> But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. <sup>24</sup> O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.*

Maybe that is you --- struggling with sin. I know I do and most often, I don't understand why I can't just quit.

**Deuteronomy 28:1-4, 15-17** *"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. <sup>2</sup> And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God: <sup>3</sup> "Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. <sup>4</sup> "Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.*

<sup>15</sup> *"But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: <sup>16</sup> "Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country. <sup>17</sup> "Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.*

5. Blessings and curses are pegged to \_\_\_\_\_!

Obviously, we have much more peace when we are blessed.

Going back to *John 14*, we can tie it all together.

- a) You will struggle with sin. *Romans 7, Galatians 5*
- b) God understands that and has made provision. *John 14, Romans 7*
- c) A Christian will never be at peace with sin. *Galatians 5*

SOLUTIONS:

- ***Psalm 119:11*** – knowing God's Word  
***Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.***
- ***Psalm 101:3*** – Protecting my eye  
***I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me.***
- ***Proverbs 11:4*** – Get help  
***Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But righteousness delivers from death.***
- ***John 1:9*** – Confess and be healed.  
***If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***

You must know the Spirit will NEVER be OK with sin. If you want peace, be obedient!

Next week: PEACE WITH GOD, Part 4, *Isaiah 26:3*