

LENT DEVOTION

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A believer in pursuit of righteousness becomes a loving person and also that of peace. Because 'peace' and righteousness are very closely related to each other. "Since we have been made righteous by faith, we have peace with God because of what Christ our Lord has done for us" (Romans 5:1). Peace with God is possible only because Jesus paid the price for our sin through His death on the cross. There is no more hostility between God and a believer and no sin blocking the established relationship. A believer has peace with God and also a right standing before God. This kind of peace is 'not the absence of conflict' but a 'confident assurance' in the midst of any circumstance.

Friends, fear, uncertainty, sin, doubt and numerous other forces are at war within us. When the peace of God moves into the heart of a believer it gives the power to face these hostile forces and offers the comfort and confidence in the heart of a believer in the place of conflict. With Christ on his side a believer need not fear the present or the future.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, 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" (Philippians 4:6--7).

To find peace of mind and peace with others, a person should first find that peace with God. A believer like you has that wonderful privilege.