

Peace

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Where is that elusive thing called Peace and what is it?
Surely it is not in Korea riding the rumbling, B re-sputing tanks which spew destruction against the Red positions.
Not in the sub-zero wilds of Alaska on torturous 30-40 below maneuvers?
Or in the breast of him who lies pain racked, emaciated and wan, cancer ebbing away the last flickerings of life?
Could it be in the soul of her from whose arm an only dear child has been torn by the grim specter of death?
But yes, it's there in Korea and under just such circumstances.
Yes, and in Alaska too, under just such grueling hardships and on that sick and death bed, and also in the soul of her whose only child is snatched away.
Always?—Everyone?
No, for my Lord saith—“there is no peace, unto the wicked.”
So it's to the righteous?
Yes, to the righteous the Lord saith—“Peace through Jesus Christ our Lord who died for you and Rose again.”
Rose again, you say, what has His resurrection to do with Peace?
Everything!
He took upon Himself our flesh, humbling Himself and suffering in it.
He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.
He died under God's terrible wrath against our sin, upon Calvary's cruel tree.
He suffered and endured all of Hell's agony and curse.
But because He endured and was perfectly obedient, tasting the last degree of God's judgment and perfectly righteous wrath against sin He could be held by death's bands and hell's bonds no longer. By that same perfect righteousness of God He had to be pronounced guiltless and the wrath of God against sin wholly satisfied.
So, to us, therefore, who are in Him are also credited (or imputed) these same benefits of guiltlessness and satisfaction.
When Jesus had fully satisfied all the demands of God's righteous law the grave could hold its victim no longer.
The grave was the symbol of victory for the enemy, the devil.
A hollow victory it was however, for although the strongest natural barriers prevented Him and Rome's choicest soldier-guard stood watch, yet the rocky cavern and the mighty boulder availed nothing and Rome's most courageous, fled, before the might and awe of the Victorious One.
The resurrection is to us the symbol of His victory.
At the very moment when the prince of this world seemed completely victorious, when he not only had seen the hoped and longed-for One, crucified and dead, but even safely laid away and buried in the tomb, the victory and triumph slipped and vanished from his grasp and complete rout and defeat were his.
For **Christ arose!** He quitted the tomb, the enemy's victory symbol—and assumed His own triumph—the glorious resurrection.

This victory spells peace.

If a soldier riding the tanks could be completely certain of victory he would have peace.

So also him who suffers hardships and pain and loss. If the victory is sure then, and then only, can we have perfect peace.

Now in Jesus Christ, our Lord, we have the certain victory and peace— peace like a river—peace beyond compare.

The world seeks peace. It seeks frantically with all the powers of science, ingenuity and might at its command. For proof read the newspapers and magazines. Listen to the speeches and radio utterances which daily plead in various ways for your cooperation to make this world a place of peace. What is and has been the result? Simply more and greater confusion. Why? "There is no peace," said my Lord, "unto the wicked." They deny and reject and cast out the Prince of Peace Who rose again. The most they can ever attain unto is a sham victory and a camouflage peace which will terminate in final destruction and desolation.

To you who seek peace— the peace that passeth understanding—where ever you are and under whatever circumstances you may find yourselves, take courage and rejoice greatly, for Christ is risen indeed and because He is victorious you shall not only inherit the everlasting peace with Him, but even now, while in the midst of death you have peace—peace of heart—peace of mind and peace in your soul.

All is well! Christ is risen!

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