

Week 24 - Applying the Word to Our Daily Lives

Monday

Scripture Reading: Eph. 1:1-2; Col. 3:12-13

“The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace (Psa. 29:11) Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord ” (Heb. 12:14)

GRACE USHERS IN PEACE

This week, we will continue to enjoy the book of Ephesians, focusing on chapters 4, 5 and 6. When we study the Bible, we can see the concern of the apostles John, Peter and Paul to present a heavenly vision and then address its practice.

God does not waste any of His words, and every word in the Bible serves a specific purpose. The Bible speaks multiple times of the duo “faith and love,” as well as the trio “faith, love and hope.”

Ephesians 1:1-2 reads, “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” What is grace? Grace is God Himself given to us freely in His Son for our enjoyment.

Grace is meant to produce peace in and around us: at home, in the church, with our brethren, at work, in the Lord’s work, etc. Knowing how important this is, the enemy is always trying to deprive us of peace, including the peace in our cities, neighborhood, etc.

In order to have an environment where there is peace, as God’s chosen and beloved saints, we must put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, bearing and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another. As the Lord forgave us, so must we forgive others (Col. 3:12-13).

In other words, if we want to have peace with our brethren, we need to be clothed in mercy and not in demands. Moreover, we need to bear and support one another. If someone falls down, we must help him.

At home, wives and husbands need to always support one another. When they feel weak, one must strengthen the other. When couples argue and try to knock the other down, their children feel unsafe, and go looking for safety elsewhere.

In addition to bearing one another, there must be mutual forgiveness among the brethren. If you say, “I forgive you,” you may be thinking, “I will forgive your mistake, but I don’t make mistakes.” Mutual forgiveness implies acknowledging that not only others make mistakes, but we make mistakes too. While forgiveness may not be easily practiced, those who desire peace must learn to forgive as the Lord forgave us.

Key Point:

Keeping peace with all.

Your Key Point:

Question:

What has been the result of enjoying God’s grace in your life.