

Hurstbourne Baptist Church; June 28, 2020
Sermon Notes: Galatians 5:22
The Fruit of the Spirit: Peace

Sermon Outline

- Our **Disordered** Modern Lives
- How the World **Strives** for Peace
- Where Christians **Find** Peace

Our Disordered Modern Lives

- “The Eternal Inner Murmur of Self-Reproach” (Judith Shulevitz).
- “The Gathering Storm” (Albert Mohler).

How the World Strives for Peace

- The world looks for peace in coping strategies and techniques.
- “10 Strategies” for coping with the stress of modern life.

Where Christians Find Peace

- Christians find peace in the **Gospel** of Jesus Christ
- Christian peace is characterized by **truth**.
- Christian peace is the antidote to **fear**.

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The Fruit of the Spirit: Joy

- “Christ’s peace is a reasonable peace and rest of soul. It is what has its foundation in light and knowledge, in the proper exercises of reason, and a right view of things, whereas the peace of the world is founded in blindness and delusion. The peace that the people of Christ have, arises from their having their eyes open, and seeing things as they be. The more they consider, and the more they know of the truth and reality of things — the more they know what is true concerning themselves, the state and condition they are in, the more they know of God.”

“The worldly man’s peace cannot be maintained but by avoiding consideration and reflection. If he allows himself to think, and properly to exercise his reason, it destroys his quietness and comfort. If he would establish his carnal peace, it concerns him to put out the light of his mind, and turn beast as fast as he can. The faculty of reason, if at liberty, proves a mortal enemy to his peace. It concerns him, if he would keep alive his peace, to contrive all ways that may be, to stupefy his mind and deceive himself, and to imagine things to be otherwise than they be. But with respect to the peace which Christ gives, reason is its great friend. The more this faculty is exercised, the more it is established. The more they consider and view things with truth and exactness, the firmer is their comfort, and the higher their joy. How vast a difference is there between the peace of a Christian and the worldling” (Jonathan Edwards, “The Peace which Christ Gives His True Followers,” 3).

- *When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pain shall be mine, for in death as in life
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.*

*And Lord haste the day, when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.*

(Horatio Spafford, “It Is Well With My Soul”)