

SERIES – Advent 2025
Peace That Flourishes, 12/7/25
John 14:25-27

I. What Is Peace?

Dictionary Definition:

- Freedom from disturbance
- Tranquility
- The absence of war or conflict
- Calmness, serenity, restfulness, quiet

Biblical Definition of *Shalom* (Heb.) and *Eirene* (Greek):

- Wholeness
- Completeness
- Wellbeing
- A flourishing life
- An ideal state of mind and experience

II. How To Experience Biblical Peace

- Knowing God thru Christ – not just head knowledge, but experiencing the living Christ within
- Having a faith that goes beyond just believing doctrines – it's faithfulness based on a trust in the Lord that results in becoming more like Christ
- Living a life of love by: obeying Jesus' commandments and living in daily communion with the Lord
- Casting our anxieties and cares on the Lord

III. My Heart, Christ's Home

- The Lord wants to make his home in our hearts
- He is a constant living presence with us

Without question one of the most remarkable Christian doctrines is that Jesus Christ Himself through the presence of the Holy Spirit will actually enter a heart, settle down and be at home there. Christ will make the human heart His abode.

(from My Heart, Christ's Home by Robert Boyd Munger)

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

John 14:25-27 - I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

John 14:7 - If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.

John 14:11 - Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves.

John 14:15-17, 23 - If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you... Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

I Peter 5:7 - Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.