

Preacher's Pen
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"Peace With God"

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.", (Romans 5:1-2)

It is difficult for me to talk about grace (as we did last week) without also studying about the peace of God. So, this morning we will study about having peace with God.

We are continually bombarded with appeals from man made institutions to be "politically correct". We also hear from religionists of the call to be "unified". Yet, none of this is new.

To study from Scripture about having peace with God requires the understanding that man's ways are not necessarily God's. AND, if we are to truly HAVE peace with God, we are called on to reject contradicting designs of man in order to follow the life AND lifestyle of God as shown through His resurrected Son. And, all of this is found ONLY in the written Word of God. Peace, with the God of the Bible, cannot be found anywhere else. Peace with Jehovah God is truly unique.

With the conviction that Scripture (the 66 books of the Bible) are the only source of authority for all matters pertaining to religion, I find myself inside the proverbial "box". Whether right or wrong, as millions have debated, will one day be revealed by God Himself when He holds His final judgment – calling to account every soul that ever lived for how each of us lived.

For my part, I have simply examined the evidence concerning the claims of the Bible and have concluded that this is it. So, I sincerely believe that the Bible was inspired by God transmitted verbally, word by word, through His Holy Spirit. I believe it is therefore complete AND without error. The "box" this puts me in is actually quite comfortable for Jehovah God has promised that when He sends His Son back, He will let us all out of this box into Heaven eternal. And I like that! How 'bout you?

In Christian Love and Service,
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