

The Mark of the Christian: Peace
Philippians 4.4-6

Introduction

I. With regard to circumstances: **Give T_____**

Psalm 9.1; 1 Thess 5.8; 2 Thess 1.3; 2.13

II. With regard to others: **Be F_____**

1 Cor 14.33; 2 Cor. 13.11; Phil 2.1-8; Col 3.12-15

III. With regard to ourselves: **W_____ Not**

Matthew 6.25-34; Romans 14.17; 15.13

IV With regard to God: **P_____ Always**

Phil 4.10-13; 1 Thess 5.17

Conclusion: The S_____ of Peace will guard you

Questions for reflection or small group discussion

- Do you remember the definition Sharon Ketcham gave us for joy? Where have you been surprised by joy?
- What is a working definition for the fruit of peace?
- How is peace the result of living in the Kingdom of God?
- In the list of the fruit of the flesh, which ones lead to the absence of the fruit of peace?
- Think of a painful time for you. How might you have “rejoiced always” without blaming God for or denying the reality of the pain?
- How can you daily “count your blessings”?
- With whom do you need to be “forbearing”?
- How will you do that? What changes are required in your speech or actions?
- Is Jesus command not to worry realistic?
- Are you content? How was Paul content?
- When do you pray?
- Is your prayer a conversation or a monologue?
- How do your prayers reflect your trust in God?
- How have you experienced the Sentinel of peace guarding your life?