

# PEACE STUDY SERIES

## LESSON 1 — THE SOURCE OF PEACE

### Jesus Is the Prince of Peace

- ❖ Jesus is the Prince of Peace – Isa. 9:6; Eph. 2:14
- ❖ Peace comes from being in His Presence – 2 Thes. 3:16; Psa. 16:11; Exo. 33:14
- ❖ We have a peace that prevails because it comes from Jesus who overcame the world – John 16:33; Psa. 34:19; Rom. 8:37

### A Peaceful Mind

- ❖ Our mind must stay on Him to be kept in perfect peace – Isa. 26:3; Rom. 8:6
  - Also: Phil. 4:8; Psa. 112:7-8
- ❖ It must govern me – Col. 3:15; Prov. 3:5-6

### Settling in His Peace

- ❖ I'm safe and secure – Psa. 4:8; Psa. 91:1-2; Prov. 18:10
- ❖ I'm provided for – Psa. 23:1-2; Psa. 37:25; Phil. 4:19; Mat. 6:25-27
- ❖ I'm supported and encouraged
  - Strengthened – Isa. 41:10
  - Comforted and encouraged 2 Cor. 1:3-4

### Anxiety Is an Enemy of Peace

- ❖ God give us 2 keys in these verse to dealing with anxiety – Phil. 4:6-7
  - Prayer – Communicating with God about everything
  - Supplication – Specific, earnest requests made in humility and dependence on God
    - Examples: 1 Sam. 1:10-11; Psa. 51:1-12; 2 Chro. 20:12; 2 Cor. 12:7-9; Acts 10:2-4
- ❖ Use the attack as an opportunity to turn to God – Psa. 55:22; Psa. 94:18-19 (MSG); Mat. 6:25-34
- ❖ Also: 1 Pet. 5:7; Prov. 12:25

### QUESTIONS TO PONDER (LESSON 1)

1. Where do you notice your peace slipping, and what intentional steps will you take to keep your mind centered on Christ this week?
2. In what area of your life do you need to truly settle into God's protection, provision, or encouragement instead of trying to manage it on your own?

## **LESSON 2 — THE PEACE OF GOD & PEACE WITH GOD**

### **The Peace of God**

- ❖ God gives us peace that is not as the world – John 14:27; John 20:21; Psa. 29:11
- ❖ God promises us peace – Isa. 54:10; Num. 6:24-26; Isa. 32:17; Lev. 26:6

### **Being at Peace with God**

- ❖ Difficult to have peace with others when you are not pleasing God – Pro. 16:7; 1 John 3:21-22
- ❖ We must personally be at peace with God – Rom. 5:11; Rom. 5:1; Col. 1:20
- ❖ God's Word speaks to those who please Him
  - Peace on earth toward those under God's favor – Luk. 2:14
  - God speaks peace to those who turn their hearts toward Him – Psa. 85:8

### **Surrendering to His Lordship**

- ❖ We must accept and surrender to the Lordship of Jesus – Rom. 14:9; Luke 6:46; Gal. 2:20

### **Intentionally Pursuing Peace**

- ❖ We must be intentional about pursuing peace – 1 Pet. 3:11; Psa. 34:14; Rom. 14:19; Heb. 12:14

### **Praying for Peace**

- ❖ We are to pray for inner peace – Phil. 4:6-7; Psa. 94:18-19 (MSG)
- ❖ We are to pray for peace in relationships – Eph. 4:2-3
- ❖ We are to pray for peace in the world – 1 Tim. 2:1-2
- ❖ Pray for peace where God has planted us - Jer. 29:7
- ❖ We are to pray for spiritual peace - Rom. 15:13; Isa. 26:12

## **QUESTIONS TO PONDER (LESSON 2)**

1. What part of your life is God calling you to surrender so His peace can flow without interruption?
2. How can you begin to pray more deliberately for peace—in your own heart, in your relationships, and in the spaces God has placed you?