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# A DIFFERENT KIND OF PEACE

## I. Introduction

- a. The world's approach to peace: seeking escape from problems.
- b. Peace is dependent on circumstances.
- c. God's offer of peace is different.

## II. Peace That Defies Circumstances

- a. **Acts 16:25-29** (NIV) *About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. <sup>27</sup> The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.*
- b. What the world calls peace vs. what God provides

## III. The Source of True Peace

- a. **John 14:27** (NIV) *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*
- b. **John 14:26** (NIV) *But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*
- c. **1 Corinthians 3:16** (NIV) *Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?*
- d. **Galatians 5:22** (NIV) *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness*
- e. Peace comes from who is in you, not what is going on around you.

## IV. The Power of God's Peace

- a. **Philippians 4:7** (NIV) *And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*
- b. Peace is a shield against fear and anxiety.

- c. **Acts 16:30-33** (NIV) *He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”<sup>31</sup> They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”<sup>32</sup> Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house.<sup>33</sup> At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized.*
  - i. Peace flows from us to others.
  - ii. We become a light to a world searching for peace.
- d. **Isaiah 52:7** (NIV) *How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”*
- e. We share what we have received from Jesus.

V. **Conclusion**

- a. **John 16:33** (NIV) *“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*
- b. Peace is not the absence of problems, but the presence of God.
- c. No matter where you sit today, you can lift your voice in praise because you have His peace inside you.