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## THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

Sin causes one's soul to be agitated. There are numerous stresses, strains, anxieties and disturbances that are the by-products of a sinful life. A guilt-laden conscience may bring on emotional problems and contribute to physical stresses.

God has a (the) remedy. A person cannot run to the drug store and buy what He prescribes, taking it home in a bottle. It is not a pill. It is not distributed under the scrutiny of the Food and Drug Administration. People who are helping to dispense and apply it cannot be charged with practicing medicine without a license. God has given us all the license necessary for administering this cure.

God's tranquilizer for the soul of man is the gospel. When applied according to the directions, there is a quiet, a calm, a composure, a release from tensions and anxiety that the Bible sums up under one word: "PEACE."

Jesus promised the disciples, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: Not as the world gives, give I unto you, Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). He closed His last discourse on the night of His betrayal with these words: "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me you might have peace" (John 16:33).

The gospel justifies people on the basis of faith in Jesus Christ. That justification gives tranquility to the soul. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ..." (Rom. 5:1).

The Greek word for "peace" is defined as "the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatever sort that is."

Now we can better appreciate the fact that the wonderful news of redemption through Jesus is referred to as "the gospel of peace." "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace..." (Rom. 10:15). The soldier of the Lord should have his feet shod "with the preparation of the gospel of peace" (Eph. 6:15).

Worry is both needless and sinful. God's word teaches us not to be anxious. "But in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:6, 7).

IrvinHimmel

# Bulletin Board

Sermon Notes:

AM Lesson - Jack - "God Has A Plan For You"  
 PM Lesson - Steve - "Harmony"

Please keep the following members in mind who have difficulty being with us due to prolonged illness: **Dee Boyd, Doris Norman, Billie Glitsch and Don Hurd.**

**NEWS AND NOTES:** Most of us are healthy, considering the impact of the flu this winter. Anna is still struggling with respiratory problems, and the severe abdominal pain she has been suffering with. Remember her in your prayers.

Rejocie. Both Katie and Audrey delivered children on the same day, about two hours apart. Of course, pictures were immediately available on face book and on the church email list. Everyone looks healthy and happy. What a wonderful day.

The youth devotion will be tonight at the Smith house.

We rejoiced Wed. night at the baptism of Jasmine Holmes. I don't have a local address yet. Her phone is 512-934-4736. Please meet her this morning and make her welcome.

*"Few people blame themselves until they have exhausted all other possibilities."*

## Correction Is Greivous

*"Correction is greivous unto him that forsakes the way..." (Prov. 5:10).*

Few people are able to accept correction graciously. Our first inclination is always to justify self. This no doubt accounts for the bad spirit which is so manifest in brethren who have "forsaken the way" of the Lord when one attempts to correct them.

The indivisual who is completely confident as to the truth of his position rarely reacts viciously when his position is assailed. He knows that the truth will vindicate his stand, hence there is no necessity for violent emotional reactions. When men react violently and angrily to an expression of a belief opposite to their own, it is reasonably certain they have "forsaken the way."

James Adams

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*"Guard within yourself the treasure of kindness. Know how to give without hesitation, how to lose without regret and how to acquire without meanness."*

*"I would rather be an influence than an authority."*

*"The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism."*

### Assignments for today

Sunday, January 19, 2014

#### Morning Service

Announcements.....Alex Morolez  
 Hymn Director.....Weston Hodge  
 Scripture Reading.....Acts 5:25-28  
 Scripue Reader.....David Haley  
 Opening Prayer.....Ryan Renz  
 Closing Prayer.....Alex Morolez

#### Evening Service

Hymn Director.....Steve Garrett  
 Opening Prayer.....Chad Smith  
 Closing Prayer.....Alex Morolez

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### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship  
 11:00 AM Bible study  
 5:00 PM Worship

#### Wednesday:

7:30 PM Study and Devotional  
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