

THE GIFT OF CHRIST'S PEACE

JOHN 14:27-31

I. THE PEACE THAT THE LORD OFFERS IS NOT OF THE SAME NATURE OF THE KIND OF PEACE THAT THE WORLD OFFERS (14:27)

- A. One Of The Great Indictments Against The Human Race Is That *The Way Of Peace They Have Not Known*
 - 1. The Customary Wishing Of "Peace" As A Common First Century Greeting Had Virtually No Significance At All In The Mind Of The Hearer
 - 2. The World Has No Power Whatsoever To Convey What It Might Desire For Us. The Best It Can Do Is Offer Substitutes
- B. Can We Even Imagine Any Other Human Being Legitimately Offering To Another, His Personal Peace
- C. The Peace That Christ Was Offering Is That Which Can Occur Between God And Man Obtained At The Cost Of Christ's Own Blood
 - 1. The Lord Sensed A Creeping Paralysis of Fear
 - 2. He Encouraged Them To Let Not Their Hearts Be Troubled

II. CONSIDERATIONS TO ENHANCE THE PEACE OF THE APOSTLES (14:28-31)

- A. An Attempt To Adjust Them Emotionally (14:28)
- B. An Attempt To Adjust Them In Terms Of Their Faith (14:29)
- C. An Attempt To Adjust Them With Regard To How They Might Interpret The Events Of The Next Day (14:30)
- D. An Attempt To Adjust Them By The Assurance Of His Own Example (14:31)