

## THE PEACE OF GOD 1

The life of God flows out of heaven into our spirit, and a part of that life is peace. In the river of life flows the peace of God and we need to learn how to keep that peace flowing into us like a river.

The government of God in our lives is a seat of rest. The practice of rest is a source of life for us. We need to learn how to rest in the Lord; it is the continual renewal of our spirit.

A source of the life of God in us is the practice of rest. We need to learn how to tune into the peace of God and keep it flowing into our heart, especially if we are experiencing contrary circumstances.

We need to **learn the practice of rest as a source for life**, for advancing the kingdom of God upon the earth. We need to learn how to rest in the Lord. Rest is a major part of the renewal of our spirit.

Once we experience the peace of God flowing in us, we can learn how to tune into it and practice it.

The very first thing that God ever did in terms of His relationship with Adam was that he introduced rest. On the sixth day God made man and on the seventh day God rested. Man's first day as a living soul was a day of rest.

The very first thing that God introduced into his relationship with man was the capacity to be at rest. He did all the work, man entered into the rest and the fruits of it.

What is true in terms of creation is true in the new covenant in terms of salvation. God does all the work in Christ and we enter into

the finished work of the Lord Jesus. We live in God and our primary place of relationship with God is not just love but also rest.

The primary part of our relationship with the Lord is peace. It is the permission and the power to be at peace. To view all of life from a place of rest, from a place of assurance, from a place of confidence, to literally live a life that is calm and untroubled-rest.

And he rested on the seventh day and blessed it and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all his work which he had created and made. God will always bless our rest. When we learn rest there will never be a time that he does not bless it and honor it and sanctified it.

God has set aside a place in the spirit where we can always experience his peace. It is always available as an absolute essential for life. Every circumstance we encounter already has rest attached to it.

No matter how hard, harsh or difficult or awful every single circumstance has rest attached to it. This is because when our spirit is alive to God and has experienced the peace of God we can tune into it.

*Eph 2: 6* *And hath raised us up together* (an action that happened at a specific point in the past, to cause to raise together with), *and made us sit together* (specific point past, cause to sit down with) *in* (intimate union with, remaining in) *heavenly places* (existing in heaven, what pertains to the kingdom realm of the Spirit, where we possess every spiritual blessing) *In* (intimate union with) *Christ* (anointing) *Jesus* (Jehovah is salvation):

The sense of being seated together with him is not only about ruling but also about rest. When we sit down we relax, we are in an attitude of rest. We are taking the weight off. Our whole mindset shifts when we sit. There is a peace that comes to us.

In the natural something happens physically to our body when we sit. What is true in the natural is true in the spirit. To be seated is an attitude of rest. Rest is physical, emotional, mental and spiritual. It is the tangible expression of God's presence.

God's promise to Moses was that my presence shall go with you, and I shall give you rest.

It is through the inflowing of His Spirit that we experience His presence. God is inside of us, we cannot get anymore presence than that. What we have to learn to do is draw upon it, learn how to keep it flowing.

If we have never experienced the presence of God then it is good to go to Spirit filled meetings, and be around people who walk in it. But we should not have to go to church to have a meeting with God; we need to bring the presence of God into the meeting so that other people can experience it.

We are not a people looking for the presence of God, we already have it, he is inside us, and you can't get anymore presence than that. Anything that happens externally is a bonus but we don't actually need it.

When we learn how to practice rest we will become aware of the Presence of God so much more. If we practice rest we will begin to hear the voice of God as spontaneous thoughts coming into our consciousness from the inside of us, where the Spirit of God dwells.

When we learn how to rest in the Lord, our spiritual senses become sensitive to the Holy Spirit. The life of God flows into the first love gate in our spirit, where we experience the nature of God or the fruit of His Spirit. Part of the fruit of the Spirit is the peace of God.

Learning how to abide in it, releases the life of God to flow through our spirit gates into our soul.

The life of God flows out of heaven into the first love gate in our spirit, where we experience the fruit of His Spirit, His manifest presence in us, and then it flows through our spirit gates into our soul and is expressed through our body.

Our eight spirit gates-Intuition, revelation, prayer, faith, hope, fear of God, reverence, and worship will not be open and flowing unless we learn how to rest in the Lord, that intimate connection where his peace is flowing into our spirit.

As we learn how to practice rest, our experience of the presence of God will increase in our lives. Rest is something that we receive, so we must be willing to allow rest to displace the opposite. This is where we partner with God. We cannot trust the Lord and be anxious because those two things are incompatible. They cannot exist in the same space at the same time. One of them has to go and we get to choose, when we learn how to be filled with the Spirit.

Once we get the gateways of our spirit, soul and body open and flowing with the life of God, we can learn how to live in the Spirit. Life in the Spirit is that we have been given this incredible freedom to become one spirit with the lord, where we can choose what we are going to think, we can choose what we are going to feel, we can choose what we are going to see and imagine, the life of God flowing through our gateways give us the power of choice.