

THE PEACE OF GOD 2

We need to displace the opposite of peace. It is impossible to be at peace if all the time we are fearful, anxious, or worried. Rest comes to displace any negative that may be trying to infiltrate our life. So rest is a weapon, it is a sword in our hand to put to death, the lack of peace, worry, fear and so forth.

When we are filled with the Spirit, it becomes a counterforce to push out any negative influence coming into us from the outside. When the peace of God is flowing into us, then contrary outside circumstances cannot get to our spirit.

If the enemy can defeat us in our spirit, so that the life of God is not flowing through it, then we will manifest the works of the flesh.

A walk with the Lord is a partnership; it is a flow of the Spirit. We overcome through the Spirit; we can do all things through Christ. It is through the strengthening of the Holy Spirit in our spirit that we manifest the divine nature.

This is a partnership, worry, anxiety and fear are not going to go away by themselves- they need to be helped to leave the premises. They need to be cast out. Perfect love and rest cast them out. The overflowing of the Spirit will push them away.

When the rest of God takes up residence in us, a part of that rest is militant against the negative.

Rest will go after the negative, because we can't have those two things in the same space at the same time. We are choosing to partner with rest. Rest is a gift, but then we have to work to partner with that gift and make it work. We have to learn to say no to a negative and rest

helps us to do that. Jesus is our rest. Rest is a really serious business in the kingdom.

Rest is a key part of everything God is and everything that he does. He only operates out of rest. He may get a lot of urgent requests but he only operates out of a place of rest.

Jesus is the prince of peace, and he said my peace I give to you. Peace is something to be guarded. The peace of God will guard our hearts and minds in Christ. Rest is a sentry over our life.

The peace of God helps guard our soul gates. Our soul has five gateways- will, mind, emotions, conscience and choice. The peace of God helps us make right choices; it protects our mind, emotions and conscience and empowers our will.

As the peace of God is flowing into our soul gates it stands guard to keep the enemy out. Then anything that wants to enter our heart has to get through peace. The job of peace is to keep negatives out of our life and heart, to keep them on the outside and never let them get on the inside. We have to guard our inner territory and rest enables us to do that.

Rest is a part of our inheritance.

Deut 12: ⁹ For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you.

These two things are always connected. Rest is a major part of our inheritance and it is the doorway through which our inheritance will come to us.

We inherit the nature of God, which progressively develops in our lives. We inherit the kingdom as we begin to walk on the pathway of

responsibility which is our functioning as the male and female sons of God.

Rest gives us a capacity to view life in a particular way so that we are always more God conscious than anything else. As we are partaking of rest we are partaking of the Spirit of God.

From rest we are empowered to possess our possessions. Sometimes we lack provision and blessing is because we have a trust issue. Our concern is will God do this for me? We believe He will do it for him or her, but will he do it for me? We have a trust issue.

With rest there is never a trust issue. Abiding in the peace of God opens up the revelation gate in our spirit, and gives us confidence through the revelation of who we are in Christ and keeps us in the place where we should be.

Rest and our inheritance have to go together because when we are living in rest we are only thinking of our life as a possibility for God to enable us to fulfill our destiny.

Our inheritance is always made available to us through rest. And rest gives us the capacity to see beyond what is in front of us and to see who we are in the future, who we are becoming.

Abiding in the peace of God opens up the hope gate in our spirit so a flow of revelation comes into our minds and imaginations giving us visions and dreams of what God desires us to do in the future and what we need to do to get there.

Rest allows us to see the provision of God through the problem that is present. Rest knows that if there is a problem here, there has to be a provision over there so let's go and find it.

Rest gives us an assurance that God is not only present but He is actually working in our lives. A person in rest has the confidence to inherit always. Rest is always a continuous renewal.

A person not living in rest will always need some ministry to get some refreshing. A person living in rest never needs a refreshing they carry it with them all the time.

It is through the infilling of the Spirit of God that our capacity for God increases. It always creates space in our heart for more of God to occupy.

Through the in working of the Spirit of God in our lives, he is always making space inside us and we are always responding to the desire for more of God.

But once we get to a place where renewal is a need then there is actually something wrong with our life. Something is leaking out. Renewal is not a need it is just a consequence of God making more room, and then we must fill that space. But it should not be a need because we have allowed the life of God to be drained out of us.

When we live in a place of rest we are so God conscious that renewal is a constant. The journey of faith cannot be made without rest and peace. Faith depends upon our capacity to rest in the nature of God.

Abiding in the peace of God opens up the faith gate in our spirit where we begin to hear God's thoughts so that we can come into alignment with the will of God for our lives.

