

SWEET SUMMER – LIFE FORMED BY THE SPIRIT “PEACE”

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 14:15–27; JOHN 16:5–15, 33;
PHILIPPIANS 4:6–9

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INTRODUCTION

- Life has a way of pulling us into unrest and anxiety.
- Many people, and many men in particular, carry far more internally than anyone else can see.
- In John’s Gospel, Jesus talks about peace in the middle of a larger conversation about the Holy Spirit and abiding in Him.

I. THE GIFT OF PEACE

- Jesus’ Peace vs. World’s Peace
- John 14:15-17, “...¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. ¹⁷ He is the Holy Spirit...you know Him, because He lives with you now and later will be in you.”
- Following Jesus means the Spirit is in you.
- John 14:23-26, “...when the Father sends the Advocate as My representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—He will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.”
- John 14:27, “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”
- Peace - shalom means wholeness, completeness, and alignment with God.
- Jesus is saying when you remain with Him and obey Him, you will walk by His Spirit and He will give you *Shalom*.
- Peace is:
 - Not emotional avoidance.

- Not passive disengagement.
- The byproduct of a life abiding deeply in Christ and surrendered to the Spirit.

II. IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

- John 15 = The Vine and Branches = Abide!
- Obey - by abiding, living close to Me, plant your roots in Me.
- Peace is not passive, it is engaged, it’s not angry because it is deeply rooted in who is in charge.
- John 16:5-15, “...it is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come...¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own but will tell you what He has heard...‘The Spirit will tell you whatever He receives from Me.’”
- John 16:33, “I have told you all this so that you may have peace in Me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”
- Mature followers of Jesus are not ruled by the chaos around them but are formed by the peace of Christ within them.
- Mark 4:35-41 - When we find ourselves in moments that feel out of control our temptation is to believe a lie.
- Jesus’s response – ‘*Silence, Be Still*’
- The One inviting us to be at peace is The One who has overcome the world.

CLOSE

- Philippians 4:6-7 NLT, “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”