



### Living Peaceably In A Troubled World

That our world is a troubled world none could deny. There is national trouble, community trouble, church trouble and family trouble. "TROUBLE" is something we are all too familiar with. God desires His people to maintain a spirit of peace. "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." (Rom. 12:18).

**PEACE IS POSSIBLE.** "Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God. (Matt 5:9). Live peaceably with all men. Manifest a sense of honesty, meekness and kindness which leads to peace. Then if peace is not possible leave your cause with God and at least you can enjoy "peace within."

**PEACE IS PRACTICAL.** Nothing is more practical than peace among all men. "Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they might be saved." (1 Cor. 10:32-33). The principles of Christianity lead to peace.

**PEACE IS PROFITABLE.** Peace will help you not to offend others. (Matt. 18:7). Peace will allow you to overcome the offenses of others. (1 Cor. 13:7). If we live in peace God is with us. "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." (2 Cor. 13: 11).  
- Charles Box (Bulletin Digest)

### Use the New Year to Get Closer to God

This world is not my home. I want to go to heaven. Use this New Year to get closer to God and closer to heaven. I want to go to heaven because it is a place of beauty and splendor. Our hope is, "Laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel." (Colossians 1:5). Heaven is a, "City which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God." (Hebrews 11:10) Imagine being in a place where, "The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb" are its temple (Revelation 21:22). Heaven is a place of beauty, joy, comfort and delight. Let's go to heaven together. I love you.

- Charles Box (Bulletin Digest)

Counting time is not so important as making time count. - James J. Walker

### News & Notes

**SYMPATHY:** To Rob and Connie Wilson and family at the passing of Connie's mother, Carol Stillwell. Carol was a faithful member of this congregation for many years; she will be missed. God bless and comfort this family.

**REQUEST FOR PRAYERS:** Pat Allison.

**PANTRY:** Chicken noodle soup.

**SEND CARDS & PRAYERS:** Fonda Parker (Latisha's sister), Delaney Park Health & Rehab Center, 214 Annie St, Orlando, FL 32806. Fonda thanks and appreciates all who signed the get well card from the class.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME:** Ruth Hartzell, Docie Moore, Emma Rine, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Joann Webb, Doris Dunham, Mary Jane Bowers, Alex Harless, Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister). **BRIGHTWOOD CENTER:** Rich Robinson, 840 Lee Rd., Room 242, Follansbee, WV 26037. **FOX:** Tom Postlethwait. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller (Sarah will be in Calcutta Health Care & Rehab until Thursday, Jan. 16th). **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 210). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

### LIVE FOR TODAY

One of Dale Carnegie's principles about enjoying life was to live in "daylight compartments." His point was that we should not worry about what happened yesterday or last week, or to be overly concerned about what tomorrow might bring. The emphasis should be instead on making the most of today. Written in Sanskrit centuries ago is a similar notion: "Look we to this one day, for it and it alone is life. In the brief course of this one day lie all the verities and realities of your existence; the pride of growth, the glory of action, the splendor of beauty. Yesterday is only a dream, and tomorrow is but a vision. Yet each day, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and each tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this one day, for it and it alone is life."

Actually this is the point of the Psalmist, "This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). Jesus said, "Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matthew 6:34). The apostle Paul said, "Look therefore carefully how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, redeeming the time because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16). To redeem the time simply means to make use of the opportunities we have today.

Today is a marvelous day! It is the only day we have. "Look well, therefore, to this one day, for it and it alone is life."

- Steve Boyd (Bulletin Digest)

Today is the tomorrow we worried about yesterday.

- Author Unknown -