Peace of Christ RULE IN YOUR HEARTS

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Holding together all pieces of Christian virtues in symmetry to make perfect peace:

Both the Old and New Testament use the word peace to express the relationship of good will between God and humans and between human beings one another. It is a social reality, a state of living in harmony and wholeness among a group of people.

Paul says, "above all these things put on the charity, which is the bond of perfectness" (Col. 3:14). Here, love is spoken of as the perfect bridge that holds all other Christian virtues together to make perfect peace. Throughout the Old Testament writings, the Hebrew word, "Shalom" is repeatedly used over and over again, and that speaks about the significance of "peace".

If it is dark about going, it is light about staying:

The Peace of God should control our impulses. Before we do anything in life the first question that we should ask ourselves is "does it make for peace" or do I have peace in my heart if I went ahead and did it? If He most assuredly gives His peace, that is the green signal to proceed. Christ called us to be peacemakers in a world that is torn apart into pieces, with so many men made problems. God's intention is that we should gather the broken puzzle pieces of peace, put them together in families, churches and in the nations.

If we shirk our responsibilities, we risk our safety:

Christ called His church to enjoy His peace, so He said, you are the peacemakers. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives" (John 14:27). One way in which we could enjoy peace would be to live in isolation. But this is not God's purpose for humanity. God's intention is that we live in harmony in families, churches and societies. The only way to develop Christian virtues in the social life of man is through the church. We should not shirk our responsibilities in the local church, not give them up when we are annoyed or provoked. Rather we should seek to live in harmony with our fellow human beings and help them in all we do and speak.

Not our shortage, but the selfish attitude is at fault.

A cheerful and thankful attitude of mind is beneficial for physical health, but worrying, depression and murmuring are harmful to one's health. An attitude of gratitude is to be cultivated by all Christians because, of all peoples of the world, they are called out to be thankful (Deut. 33:29). Since the believers are called to be in the peace of Christ through the Gospel, the realm in which we live is the realm of peace. Those who have been reconciled to God, should manifest the result of reconciliation which is the peace

between God and believers, and this peace must manifest in us. Christ's body is the organism, and it is depicted as the place of peace.

...Pr. T S Abraham

Finding Peace Through Unity: Embracing Colossians 3:15

In a world filled with chaos, uncertainties, and distractions, the wisdom of the Scriptures provides us with a guiding light that leads us to the path of peace and unity. As we navigate the journey of faith together, let us turn our hearts and minds towards the comforting words found in Colossians 3:15: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

These words from the apostle Paul resonate deeply with the challenges we face in our modern lives. The call to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts is a reminder that amidst the busyness of our daily routines, we must always make room for the tranquility that comes from our faith. This peace, born from the grace of our Savior, is a powerful force that enables us to find solace even in the most turbulent times.

However, the verse doesn't stop there. It emphasizes that as members of one body, we are inherently connected to each other. This connection goes beyond the boundaries of friendship or kinship – it is a spiritual bond that unites us under the shelter of Christ's love. In a world that often encourages division and isolation, our church stands as a testament to the beauty of unity. Let us cherish and nurture this unity, working hand in hand to uplift, support, and encourage one another.

When we embrace this unity, the natural outcome is peace. Imagine a community where disagreements are resolved with understanding, where compassion guides our actions, and where our shared faith forms the foundation of every relationship. This is the vision that Colossians 3:15 paints before us – a vision of a church family that reflects the very essence of Christ's teachings.

As we walk this journey together, let us also cultivate a heart of thankfulness. Gratitude transforms our perspective and helps us recognize the blessings that surround us daily. From the gift of fellowship to the breath of life itself, there is much to be thankful for. And as we express our gratitude, we strengthen the bonds of love that tie us together.

In conclusion, dear friends, let us hold onto Colossians 3:15 as a guiding principle for our lives. Let the peace of Christ be the compass that directs our thoughts, actions, and interactions. Let the unity of our church family be a testament to the power of faith and love. And let our hearts overflow with thankfulness for all that we have received.

.... Bro. Rony Joseph

Schedule of Events for 2023

July 2023 Jul 1: Fasting Prayer Jul 8: Church Meeting Jul 15: PYPA Jul 22: Outreach Jul 29: Picnic	August 2023 Aug 5: Fasting Prayer Aug 12: Cell Meeting Aug 19: PYPA Aug 26: VBS	September 2023 Sep 2: Fasting Prayer Sep 9: Cell Meeting Sep 16: PYPA Sep 30: Men's, Women's, Kid's Fellowship
October 2023 Oct 7: Fasting Prayer Oct 14: Cell Meeting Oct 20-22: Outreach Oct 27-29: Retreat	November 2023 Nov 4: Fasting Prayer Nov 11: Cell Meeting Nov 18: PYPA Nov 25: Thanksgiving Fellowship	December 2023 Dec 2: Fasting prayer Dec 10: SS Exam Dec 16: Outreach Dec 23: Cell Meeting Dec 31: Year-end meeting

September @ Bethel Pentecostal Assembly

Sat	Sep 09 06:00 pm Sep 16 06:00 pm	- 01:30 pm - 07:30 pm - 08:00 pm - 12:30 pm	PYPA
Sun	09:40 - 11.00 am 11:00 - 01:00 pm	Sunday Scl Worship S	hool / Bible Study ervice
Mon	09:00 - 10:00 am	Women's C	Conference Prayer
Tue	08:00 - 09:00 pm	Intercesso	ry Prayer
Wed	08:00 - 09:00 pm	Youth Con	ference Prayer

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