

Peace: A Product of Faith, Hope and Love, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: John 16.
- B. Men desire for something to believe in, love and hope.
- C. The great fear of man is the inevitability of death.

II. Jesus offers love that results in peace.

- A. Believers will one day have complete access to God because of God's affectionate love for them. (John 3:16)
- B. God's love gives a person reason to exist. God values a person with warm, friendly love.
- C. Obedience is the key to the Christian life and evidence of the Father's love. (John 14:21)
- D. Every man is valued by God, but Christians enjoy a personal love relationship with Him. (Ephesians 2:4)
- E. Love is the chief clue to the meaning of existence.

III. Jesus offers faith.

- A. Everyone believes in something, but we ought to believe in God's love made visible on the cross.
- B. We can only find God's love as it is revealed to us.
- C. The basis of our faith is that Jesus is deity incarnate. This is the cardinal doctrine. (II Peter 2:2, Galatians 1)
- D. The gospel is also the work of Christ.
- E. Belief in Christ and love of Christ is necessary. (James 2, John 8:24)
- F. The world missed the redemptive plan of God because they missed that Jesus came from God and would return to Him. (John 9:29, 1:10)
- G. True faith is a commitment to everything that God reveals.

H. Jesus accepts a person wherever they are. (Mark 9:24)

I. Faith must have content.

J. The secret of spiritual strength is self-distrust and humility.

H. The disciples were scattered, but there was enough faith to set the world on fire after the resurrection. (Matthew 26:31, 56; Zechariah 13:7, II Timothy 2:13)

IV. Jesus offers hope.

A. He promises that He has overcome the world.

B. Jesus is the pinnacle of conquering, and He draws us to Him. (Romans 8:28, I John 5:4-5)

V. The result of love, faith, and hope is peace.

Application questions:

1. Why is it important to understand the special nature of God's love towards believers? How would you describe it?

2. What are the necessary elements of belief for salvation?

3. How have you struggled with your faith? How does II Timothy 2:13 bring encouragement in this area?
