Pastor's Weekly Devotional- August 27, 2015

"The Peace of God"

Peace is such an important commodity that nations negotiate treaties for it; people use addictive substances to find it, while others resort to some form of eastern mysticism. Everyone wants peace. Everyone seeks peace...but it seems so elusive.

Consider the word SHALOM. People in Israel say "Shalom, Shalom!" They repeat it twice because they want the person addressed to experience peace in the inner man and in the outer man.

Here are two other meanings of the word SHALOM:

- It means "whole". This means that God wants to saturate your whole self body, soul and spirit—with His peace.
- It means "to pay or render." Peace is God's payment that says: "Your sins have been paid in full. Don't worry about it. You are <u>fully</u> forgiven once and for all."

Jesus is referred to as "the Prince of Peace." God wants you to experience peace in your inner man. You may be surrounded by turmoil, anxiety and stress but God can give you peace in the midst of your storms.

Here are God's promises for you today. Believe it. Claim it. It's yours!

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you," says the Lord, "thoughts of peace, not evil..." (Jeremiah 29::11)

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you...Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid..." says Jesus (John 14:27)

SHALOM! Have a blessed week! Remember this Sunday is our church's annual picnic!

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