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John 14:23-27

John 14:23-27 Jesus answered and said to him, If a man loves Me, he will keep My Word. And My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My Words, and the Word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me. I have spoken these things to you, being present with you. But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Searching for peace in life.

Broken spirits are found in so many people walking the earth. Are people looking, searching for some form of healing for the pain that is busy enveloping them, making life simply seem too much to deal with? How often are we the guilty ones, causing others hurt and pain by our attitude towards them, and the rejection we so often show to others contributes to this pain. Being on the receiving end of such actions is however the main cause of so many shattered lives.

“Exo 20:13 You shall not kill.” How often are we killers of others by the words we use, and the pain we inflict with our hardened attitude, and hurtful remarks. Giving a snare remark, and spreading gossip about another can cause so much hurt, and might just lead to another’s spiritual death, and even suicide. Are you a killer? Or, have you been killed?

All we search for is to find real peace, not only in the sense of contentment or lack of conflict, but a peace that fills you from within, that will remain with you, regardless of what is going on around you. In the time of Jesus, when a person arrived or departed, they would have used the greeting “Shalom” – Peace be with you. So, when Jesus said “*Peace I leave with you*” it might have been seen as saying goodbye, but he continued to clarify it. “*My peace I give to you.*” Like an inheritance left for His followers as He prepared them for His departure to heaven. Jesus knew that this would not be easy for His followers after He had gone to be with His father, and for that reason He said to them that the Holy Spirit will be sent to them, as a comforter. The Holy Spirit will teach them, guide them, and remind them of all the teachings of Jesus.

Do you lack comfort? Do you lack peace? It was left as an inheritance to us all, should we only accept Jesus Christ as our saviour, and ask it from Him. In the first verse found in our scripture piece, Jesus promised that both His Father and Himself will come and stay with those who love Him, and listen to His words. He promised in this scripture that the Comforter is available to those who love Him, and is in need of His peace. And should you have Jesus in your life, and the comforter ministering to you, you will find the peace that was left as your inheritance. **Peace be with you!**

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