The Key To The Peace Of God

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INTRODUCTION

- Those who have trusted in Christ indeed have the privilege of enjoying the fullness of joy.
- A key word in the book of Philippians is the word joy.
- This is a book that really explains how the attitude of the mind that a believer must have if he is going to experience joy in this world that is filled with trouble.

1 The Thieves That Rob Us of Joy

Luke 12:15–21; Matthew 6:19–21

- Sometimes circumstances rob us of joy.
- Sometimes there are people that just get in our way. And they cause us to be robbed of joy, peace, happiness.
- Things, the storing of possessions, may within itself rob us rather than make us wealthy.
- Worry indeed is probably the greatest thief of all.

2 The Single Mind

Philippians 1:21; James 1:8

- For to me to live is Christ. And to die is gain.
- As long as I'm alive, my focus and my purpose has to do with the will of Christ.
- A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.
- Paul did not look at Christ through his circumstances, but rather he viewed his circumstances through Christ.
- He did not say, I'm a prisoner of Rome. He wrote, I'm a prisoner of Christ.

3 The Submissive Mind

Philippians 2:3–8

- Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory. But in lowliness of mind, let each esteem other better than themselves.
- That isn't a sign of weakness, it is a sign really of strength.
- Being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- The reason others aggravate us is usually because we do not have our way.
- Learn to count others better. That is, learn to put them first.

4 The Spiritual Mind

Philippians 3:13–17; Philippians 3:19; Philippians 3:20–21

- This one thing I do. Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
- Whose God is their belly, whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.
- Things can be good if used properly. But things must be spiritual in their nature to be good.
- Our conversation or our citizenship, literally, is in heaven.
- I look forward to the time this vile body is changed into a glorious body of Christ Himself.

5 The Secure Mind

Philippians 4:4; Philippians 4:6–7; Philippians 4:9

- The kind of mind that has a sense of well-being, a sense of security.
- You want a peace that surpasseth understanding and not have a single mind, submissive mind, or a spiritual mind, it's impossible.
- Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. Let your request be made known unto God.
- That Greek word translated keep literally means stand guard.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Is it well with your soul? Are you ready to meet the Lord? Should you hear the last trumpet sound at this moment?**

MY NOTES