

Crowned – Part 4

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This is the message that changed my life. This series is about you discovering what God has done for you. Each week will not be about what you must do for God, but rather, what you must believe God has done for you!

Week One – Crowned with the Father's love

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Crowned with Peace

Even though today's topic was planned weeks ago, in the sovereignty of GOD, it is exactly what we need for this present crisis.

What didn't God promise about peace

- The peace of God is not the absence of trouble or conflict.

John 16:33 - I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

- In order to have peace from God, you have to have peace with God.

1. How Do We Have Peace with God?

Romans 10:15 - And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!"

What is the Gospel of Peace?

Isaiah 9:6-7 - For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end.

Why was Jesus called the prince of Peace?

Luke 2:10-14 - But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on peace on earth and God's good will toward men!"

- What did the angel mean when he said, "peace on earth" and God's good will toward men"? "Peace on earth", "God's good will toward men", "Prince of Peace" & "the gospel of peace" all refer to peace between God and man.

Romans 5:1 - Therefore being made righteous or declared innocent by faith, we have peace with God through Jesus Christ our Lord!!

Once you have been made righteous, you have peace with God!
You no longer question God's desire to help in your time of need.

Hebrews 4:16 - Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in the time of need.

The Great Exchange – were God took our sin and gave us His righteousness

II Corinthians 5:17-21 - Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new person altogether. Old things are passed away; and the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new!! From first to last this has been the work of God. He has reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and he has enlisted us in this service of reconciliation. To tell all that God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting man's sins against him. And has committed to us the word of reconciliation, that God is at peace with man!!!! Now then we are ambassadors for Christ. God is requesting of you through us, to let men know as a representative of Jesus Christ, that they are reconciled to God!!!! For God has made Christ to be sin for us, when he had never tasted sin. In order that we might be made the righteousness of God, in Christ!!!

- Because you have peace with God, you can have assurance that you can have peace from God.

2. How Do I Have Peace from God

- Peace from God is a Person, not a feeling.

John 14:26-27 - But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

- The world gives peace that is purely conditional. It gives peace that can be taken away by the circumstances of my life. It changes with a news report. It changes with a phone call.
- The “God kind of peace” is not the absence of trouble or conflict, but the presence of the Holy Spirit in your trouble or conflict.
- It requires faith in God and His power to walk in peace in troubled times.

Philippians 4:7 - And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 32:17-19 - The work of righteousness will be peace (*With God*), and the effect of righteousness is quietness and assurance forever (*Peace from God*). My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest. Even though hail flattens the forest and the city is leveled completely.

II Corinthians 5:7 - For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Declarations of Faith

- I have right standing with God today, through Jesus.
- I have peace with God!
- I have peace from God!
- By faith, I live in peace, security and undisturbed places of rest.
- Even when:
 - Hail flattens the forest.
 - The city is completely leveled.