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Who do you say that "Jesus Is" to you?

<u>John 16:33</u> – "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."

Peace is a Person.

John 14:25-27 – "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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.

"His peace" is a "Person," not a feeling of tranquility.

3 Kinds of Peace:

- 1. Peace with God
- 2. Peace with man
- 3. Peace within yourself

Peace with God:

<u>Romans 5:1</u> – Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

II Corinthians 5:19 – 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!

Peace with Man:

<u>Matthew 10:8</u> – ... freely you have received, freely give.

Freely (or without merit) you have received forgiveness and peace with God, now freely (or without merit) give forgiveness and peace with man.

Romans 12:17-21 – Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you

will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

When you are not at peace with those around you, you have been overcome by evil.

In order to live in peace, we must overcome evil with good and walk in forgiveness.

Strife = every evil work present.

James 3:16 — For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

Peace within Yourself:

Philippians 4:6-9 – Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. ⁷ And God's peace shall be yours, which transcends all understanding and God's peace will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy— think on such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me-put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

<u>I Peter 5:6-7</u> – Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you, ⁷ Casting the whole of your care, all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.