

**FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION**  
***God With Us - Philippians 4:4-9 - "The Peace of God"***

**1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?**

**If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?**

**2. Have you ever experienced peace the midst of really challenging circumstances in your life?**

**What was the situation and how were you able to find peace in the midst of such circumstances?**

**How do Jesus' words in John 14:27 provide a distinction between the peace He gives & the peace the world gives?**

**3. Read Philippians 4:4-5; why do you think this section that turns toward God's peace begins with the command to rejoice?**

**The following statement was shared in light of the command to rejoice always:**

*For the Christian, "Rejoicing always" is not a denial of reality; it is actually evidence of a greater understanding of reality!*

**How does rejoicing relate to reasonableness (gentleness) toward all others & maintaining peace in the Lord?**

**How does remembering that "The Lord is at hand" better help us and motivate us to obey this command?**

**4. Read Philippians 4:6-7; what is commanded in verse 6, and what is the result if obeyed as stated in verse 7?**

**Where else do you see the idea of anxiety/worry addressed in the Scriptures?**

**What difference does thanksgiving make as we're called to present our requests to God?**

**Based upon this, when are we supposed to give thanks to the Lord, and why does that matter in this context?**

**How does the peace of God truly surpass all understanding, and how does it guard our hearts and minds in Christ?**

**5. Read Philippians 4:8-9; what is the promised result if we put into practice the commands in these verses?**

**Consider all that we're called to think about in verse 8; how does what you're thinking about align with these words?**

**If you're struggling to think rightly, what should you start doing, keep doing, or stop doing to think rightly?**

**How does putting these commands into practice result in (& reveal) the God of peace being with us?**

**6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these encourage, convict, or challenge you, & if so, how?**

***JESUS IS: THE PRINCE OF PEACE!***

***THE SOURCE OF PEACE!***

***THE MEANS BY WHICH WE HAVE PEACE!***

***DWELL ON JESUS & HIS GOODNESS, AND GOD'S PEACE WILL BE UPON YOU!!***