## Having the Peace of God

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Text: Philippians 4:4-7 (NKJV)

**Supporting Scriptures** 

Matt 6:25-34 (NKJV)

#### Philippians 4:4-7 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. <sup>6</sup>Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

### Philippians 4:4-7 (NKJV) (continued)

<sup>7</sup>and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

#### Dealing with Difficulty – 3 Commands

- 1. Always be Full of Joy in the Lord
  - a. God is not requiring you to be joyful because of uncomfortable disturbing situations and circumstances
  - b. He is expecting you to be joyful because of your status with Him

#### Dealing with Difficulty – 3 Commands

- 2. Be considerate of others in all your dealings
  - a. Selflessness
  - b. Not insisting on your own rights
  - c. Being considerate, courteous, and respectful of the needs of others

#### Dealing with Difficulty – 3 Commands

- 3a. Don't worry about anything...
  - a. Physical Attributes, Matt 6:27
  - b. Clothing, Matt 6:28
  - c. Food & Drink, Matt 6:31
  - d. The Future, Matt 6:34
- 3b. ...Pray about everything!

#### The Importance of Prayer

- It cures Worry and Anxiety
- It Ushers in the Peace of God
- Praying People are Peaceful People

#### How We are to Pray

- Pray speak to God about our request
- Supplication humbly and sincerely
- Thanksgiving Be appreciative

# The Promise Associated with Obedience

- The Peace of God
  - It is a Divine Peace
  - It Transcends Understanding
  - It will Guard your Heart and Mind

#### In Conclusion

- Remember Who and Whose we are!
- Be considerate of the needs of others
- Pray and not Fret over circumstances
- Let the Peace of God guard our heart & mind