## The peace of God (Quality: Average)

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[0:00] Thank you for the Lord, for his help. I ask your attention again to the Epistle of Paul to the Philippians, chapter 4 and verses 6 and 7.

Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

We tried to say a few things from verse 6 this morning. We seemed to abide a little while upon those words, let your requests be made known unto God.

We felt there was a little help there, the requests, the earnest desires, exercises, burdens of the children of God.

[1:24] But through that covenant mercy and love, there is this passage, this way. Oh, this is a blessed way to be made known unto God.

The God of all grace, the Father of all mercies. And here we have also that blessed way and the way of the mediator, Jesus Christ, the righteous.

Jesus Christ, these requests, all made through his name. It is a wonderful faith. You know, if you can plead what the poet said, I can no denial take when I plead for Jesus' sake.

Let your requests be made known unto God. But I do seek divine help to continue, especially with these words in verse 7.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

[2:36] Two things I would want to say as we commence, my friends, and that's this. One thing, if you are a child of grace, there is a continued warfare.

I thought of that line of the hymn that goes on to say between the old man and the new. That warfare can never be otherwise, you know.

If you've no warfare, you've no grace. If you're religion, be it what it is. If there's no warfare to it, no opposition to it.

And it may be that you've got opposition from without, but the greatest enemy, you know, is the self. That comes against your precious soul.

And the dealings with it. Well, where there's warfare, there will be a crying out for peace. Not a peace at any price. And then there's another thing I felt, and it may be a very simple, a simple illustration.

[3:49] I thought of those times in our, in the history of our lifetime anyway, when there was warfare between nations and there was a peace got together.

Oh, there was some sort of peace found and entered into, and that peace brought a cessation of the warfare.

But I venture to say, my friends, that there are times in the living souls experience that the warfare proceeds, continues, but there's a peace within it.

The storms will rage and the winds will blow. The trials won't alter. Those things which almost drive you to despair will continue at times working within and working against you.

But if you and I are in the way everlasting, there will be those seasons when the peace of God will be felt. Doesn't alter the circumstance.

[4:54] Not for a second, does it? In me shall have peace. It came to my mind in prayer. In the world you shall have tribulation. But be of good cheer, I've overcome the world.

And the peace of God. Though the pathway is as it ever is, a state and condition of warfare.

But, oh, the effect of this peace. Because, you know, it brings so many blessings with it. A precious soul that feels at peace can enjoy many tokens, many helps.

Though I say the warfare has not ceased, the pathway has not altered. And what are the fruits of this peace? Where are the evidences of it?

Well, one, my friends, is this. And that's submission to the will of God. That brings peace. And that's from peace also. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding.

[6:04] What a blessed peace it is. It's not, in this sense of the word, and you might forgive me for hesitating there. My friends, we might say this about this peace.

It's not a transient one. It's not a transient peace. But then you'll find a poor child of grace, say. But, you know, I don't always feel to be in it.

And what I mean by being that it isn't a transient one. You may know it and you may not know it. You may have an experience of such a time when there was a settled peace upon your spirit.

And then you wish for those days again. What I mean, my friends, is this. That the source of this peace. Where it comes from. It's an unchangeable source.

An unchangeable foundation. Oh, if you've once known this precious peace of God. My friends, you'll know it again. And what is more blessed.

[7:09] And oh, may you have gracious faith to believe the truth. My friends, but it is a foretaste of heaven too. The peace of God. When you have God on your side.

If I might put it like that. Whatever the enemy says and does. My friends, will not contradict that union. Which is between a precious soul.

And a gracious God in glory. Oh, the battles will be many. Indeed, it must be so. How can you live in this dying world as a child of God. And not have Satan as your foe.

Not have the flesh opposing the pathway. And your own evil mind disturbing, distressing. And rebelling against the good and gracious God.

That called you by his grace. And put you in the way everlasting. And the peace of God. Oh, but it brings sweet submission. And how does it come, my friends?

[8:09] It is as it is applied. It is as it is revealed. And that precious peace too. The peace of God which passeth all understanding.

It comes through various means and ways. Spoken into the heart. But graciously, freely. And my friends, it is.

And it also must surely rest. Upon a foundation which is. The love of Christ to his people. The peace of God.

If you have a religion that has no Christ. You've got no peace. From God or with him. But a real religion, my friends, is this. That peace by his cross.

As Jesus may. The peace of God. Thought. Is the peace. That the children of God at times possess.

[9:11] It's been purchased for them. It cost them. It cost Christ his life. That there should be peace. There was times, you know.

When he illustrated it by his word. The disciples on the lake. And they cried out unto him. Carest thou not that we perish. And he arose and rebuked the winds.

And the waves and said peace. Be still. And there was a great calm. But you know, my friends. The peace that a sinner seeks after.

Comes through his shed blood. That's where there's real peace. My friends. Oh, that precious blood will bring peace. Peace to the conscience.

Peace in the heart. A peace that passes knowledge. And understanding in. And the peace of God. What a price was paid.

[10:11] That that peace. Should be felt. And then again. This is the wonder of all the blessings. Of the Trinity, isn't it? It's to whom it's for. Oh, never lose sight, my friends.

Of the condescending mercy of a three-one God. Never lose sight of that condescension. Who is it that shall indeed enjoy this peace?

Well, those that don't deserve it. Those that are by nature sinners. And by practice sinners. The peace of God.

The very presence of the Lord with his people. Will bring peace. A very word from the Lord spoken into the heart. Softly. Like that still small voice that Elijah heard.

Will bring peace. A word applied. By the power of the spirit to the heart. My friends will bring peace. And the peace of God.

[11:11] There's nothing more opposite. I was going to say. Than a holy God in glory. And a fallen wretch. Of a sinner that walks this earth.

But in between. In garments dyed in blood. Is a precious Christ. And a channel of mercy. To the children of God.

And in that channel of mercy. Is this glorious grace. This peace of God. It will pass. All understanding. And when the precious holy ghost.

Makes you to know it. And to feel it. And for a measure of time. Be it short or long. Some enjoyment of it. My friends.

You will say. You cannot understand. You can't put words together. Which passeth all understanding. The natural understanding of a man.

[12:07] Cannot understand any of the. Mercies and goodnesses of God. To a poor wretch. But to put together words. That would explain to anybody. How.

What this effect of peace on the heart. In the heart. And upon the conscience. And in the pathway also. Oh. Some of the most fearful times.

Of a child of grace. Has been turned to blessing. And because this influence of peace. Has come. And it's taken away. All the natural fear.

It's removed all such. Oppositions to the pathway. It brings such a. Obedience to the way. And to the will of God. The peace of God.

But it's a purchased peace. It's purchased by. The precious person. And. Sufferings of Jesus Christ.

[13:04] And the peace of God. I say again. My friends. I can't be anything more of a contrast. That God in his. Eternal glories.

Conveys peace. Through his son. Into the hearts. And minds. Of a poor. Troubled. Distressed.

And burdened sinner. I do believe too. You know. And I must say this. If you read. The account of the. Enoch.

As he. Was baptized. In that certain water. The last we hear. Of him. Is this. And we never hear. Any more of him.

And he went. On his way. Rejoicing. What then. Was in his heart. To make him rejoice. What was the song. That flowed. From his lips. To his gracious God.

[14:01] Well. My friends. It was. Generated. As it were. By the peace. Of God. In his soul. A few moments. Previous. When he didn't know. The first thing.

About salvation. He had no knowledge. Of Christ. Who he was. Though it was recorded. In ancient scripture. But the blessing.

Of the spirit. Taken of the words. Of the whole. Of the. Of Isaiah's prophecy. And opening up. To his understanding.

And gracious faith. Given to believe it. And to receive it. And that desire. To obey. The gospel. Precepts. And commands.

And so doing. It brought peace. There is a word. You know. I know. It's a sad word. There is no peace. Saith my God. To the wicked.

[14:57] And there isn't any. To the disobedient. Either. Do not find. My friends. If you and I. And I. Walk past. The disobedience. Open. Opposition.

To the will. And purposes. Of God. But it never. Brought me. A scrap of peace. Because. There is that. Fighting against. The wills. And the will of God.

And the purposes. Of God. In the. Pathway of experience. And all. How. Haughty self. And wicked. The wicked mind. Fight against. The dealings of God.

But my friends. As enabled. And I say it. Very carefully. The Lord. Grant grace. As enabled. To fall under. To know no will. But his.

My friends. Brings. A sweet peace. Upon. The spirit. Of such. Of the children. Of God. And the peace. Of God. Which passeth.

[15:52] All understanding. God given. God maintained. And all. If you've known it. My friends. You'll know it again.

The peace of God. Then. Poor sinners. Know it. When they are brought. Into the. Understanding.

Of forgiveness. Forgiveness. Through the. Sacrifice. And merit. Through his. Offering. Upon the tree. At Calvary. Through that.

Precious blood. That. That. That. Was. Shed. For many. Through that. And the application. Of those.

Precious. Truths. To the soul. And gracious. Faith. Going out. After the. Offering. Of Jesus Christ. My friends.

[16:46] Preach. In peace. And the peace. Of God. And it flows. Through the wounds. Of the sacrifice. A sinner. When convinced. You know.

Of their sin. Has no peace. No peace. At all. If you're under. Conviction. Of sin. And when you are.

When you're. Convinced. By the. Precious spirit. Of your state. As a sinner. There isn't any peace. There can't be. Oh.

It works. Upon. The spirit. My friends. It brings. Darkness. And distress. Oh. It's like that. Power of. The legion.

Of devils. To that. Poor man. That was in. The mad gadaree. There was no peace. From night and day. We read.

[17:40] He cried. And cut himself. Chained. Mains. Couldn't restrain him. Men. Puny men. Couldn't overcome. His. Supernatural strength.

And he lived. In the tombs. And he was no peace. No peace at all. And then. The blessed Lord Jesus Christ.

In compassion. Mercy. And love. To his precious soul. Went across that stormy lake. Entered into the. Place.

Place where he was. He was. He was. Spoke to the legion of devils. And delivered him from them. Where was. Where did peace bring him? Oh.

My friends. A place where you would want to go. If you were. Graciously taught. Where was he found? Well he didn't go home. And say I'm cured. He didn't want to.

[18:38] There's a very sweet word. In the gospel. You know. And he was found. Sitting at the feet of Jesus. Clothed. And in his right mind. That's where the peace of God.

Brought him. Clothed. And in his right mind. What was he clothed with? Well no doubt. He was clothed. In the natural sense of the word. My friends. But he had a righteousness.

Which was imputed. Sitting at Jesus feet. There's no better spot. Oh there is another spot. By the way. There's another precious spot.

If you can get there. The Holy Spirit. Bring you all there. And that's the foot of his cross. And the peace of God.

The foot of his cross. If you've seen that. Blessed sight of a crucified. Saviour. A surety for his people. A substitute.

[19:36] The man who took. Upon himself. Not only a body like our own. But the sins of the church. And by his offering.

Of himself. Before his. Holy Father in glory. Brought. Forgiveness and pardon. And peace. The peace of God.

But oh. That precious place. You know. The nearer you get to Christ. In precious faith. You will find that peace. When there's a division.

There isn't any. Where there is that. Division made by sin. My friends. There's no peace. None at all. In the peace of God.

God the Father. Son and Holy Ghost. Triune. Jehovah. One God. Three distinct offices. The purpose of it all.

[20:33] If we might put it simply. Is for the salvation. Of the church. To redeem them. From the fall. To make a way. To glory. To take them.

One by one. Into the eternal. Bliss of God. And amongst. Those redeemed saints. Forever and forever. The peace of God. You know. Is an eternal blessing.

I said. It's not a transient one. That is. Although you may lose. The sweetness. Of the peace of God. My friends. The substance. Is never removed.

You may. Indeed. Go seasons. Without any sense. Of the peace of God. But you know. It is another proof. Of the work of grace. Is that you'll desire it.

And you'll pray after it. And you'll seek for it. And such will be the. Pathway. Which you will be. Put into. Directed in. According to the will and purposes.

[21:32] Of God. You'll cry out for peace. The peace of God. Oh. What a sweet influence. That is. But ever remember. My friends. The price that was paid. That a sinner might. Indeed. Dwell in peace. And the peace of God. Which passeth. All understanding.

You won't know how. You may know. Indeed. How it was. In the sense. That where it comes from. You might feel. It's sweet influence. In the soul.

As the precious person. Of Christ. Is revealed to you. When you see. An interest. In his sufferings. In his wounds. In his groans. And sighs.

And then realize. It's all your sins. That put him on the cross. All to produce. This blessing of peace. But go back.

[22:26] To the chosen path. Not the path. You chose. The path. He chose. For him. For his people. A path. Which. My friends.

You can't walk. Without grace. And you can't walk. Without living faith. And you can't walk. Without his help. And the tumults.

And the troubles. And the cross-handed providences. Within that pathway. These are the ways. To glory. And the children of God. Walk on. And this precious little peace.

Unless the Lord. Comes along. And speaks into the soul. And when he melts. Your very heart. In contrition. Brings you down. In submission. To the will.

And purposes of God. Those times. My friends. Are blessed seasons. In this world. But the peace of God. My friends. Is not the peace of the world.

[23:23] Not the peace of men. I thought of reading. As well. Or instead. Rather. The third. Of the Colossians. The 14th of John.

The dear Lord Jesus. Was about to go. Into suffering. He was on the way. As it were. To Gethsemane.

What lay ahead of him. Only he knew. That is. In its intensity. In its distress. But he. In those chapters. 14.

15. And 16. He speaks so kindly. And compassionate. To his dear. Disciples. And believers. And the 14th of John.

Says this. Peace I leave with you. My peace. I give unto you. Not as the world. Giveth. Give I unto you. Let not your heart.

[24:19] Be troubled. The very chapter. Begins. Let not your heart. Be troubled. Ye believe in God. Believe also in me. And then. As the title.

Of this. Blessed Saviour. Perhaps it's only. Mentioned once a year. When we think of the day. Of his. Natural birth. When we.

When our minds. Go to Bethlehem. And to that manger. And then we remember. His titles. The Prince of Peace. My friends. He is by.

Very title. The Prince of Peace. But he is. By his blessed work. To bring peace. And the peace of God. Which passeth all understanding.

I've always found. And I believe. I'm right in saying this. That. Whilst the mind. Is at enmity to God. My friends. There can never be peace.

[25:15] Whilst we try. To put the crooked things straight. While we try to. Indeed deal with the things. We can't deal with. But then.

Resting. Graciously. I hope. Mercifully. Upon all. Merciful and gracious. God. My friends. And leaving it there. I find that very hard.

Oh. You sung. And that hymn. Just now. Cast. He said. On me. Thy care. Tis enough. That I am nigh. I will all thy burdens.

Bear. I will all thy needs. Supply. Would be a wonderful mercy. If we could. More and more. You know. What I don't know how. At times. Is how to leave it there.

I've always said to you. And I say it to myself. He doesn't need our help. To do anything. But you know. If you live. In this world.

[26:10] Of sin and woe. And tribulation. Of some sort or another. Is your lot. Oh. For grace. To be able to lay it on the Lord. And leave it there. I quoted this morning.

That line. Out of the 46th Psalm. Be still. And know that I am God. And when everything around. Is going wrong. My friends. And all.

Perplexity. And doubts. Fly. Hither and thither. And the enemy. Accusing you. And self. And self. With all its pity. And opposition. To the way.

All. Part of the warfare. How can you be still? How is it possible? I believe those words. I believe those words. Mean really. Don't put your hand. To God's work.

It's a word. A good word. Be still. And know. That I am God. But it's only. As that blessed. Grace of peace.

[27:05] Is poured. Into the heart. It's only when that sweet. Influence of peace. Is found. My friends. Can you ever be still? Oh.

How can it be so? You know. It doesn't matter. What affliction. Or pathway. You're called to walk. What trial. You're in. To. And what perplexities.

It brings. And what. Impossible things. Seem to lie in your way. My friends. The natural mind. Rises up against it. Or tries to.

Find a way through it. But if that. Blessed peace. Is flowed through. The peace of God. That which flows. Through Jesus. The channel.

Of mercy. Through him. Who is the prince of peace. Oh. Then I believe. There is a little while. When you can be still. And then the untrodden steps.

[28:02] I'm sure that. Each. My friends. Will be concerned. With. Whatever lies in the path. You can't be indifferent. Can't be indifferent. In a spiritual sense.

You wonder where the scene will end sometimes. Can't be indifferent. To whatever lies. According to the will of God. My friends. But if you breathe peace. You can leave it with him.

You can lay it at his feet. And the peace of God. Which passeth. All understanding. I told you. Many a few years ago.

Now. There was a dear friend of ours. Dying of cancer. And. He went. For. To see. Someone. In the Lister hospital.

Down at Stephenage. And. The sister said to his wife. How is it. He's so. Quiet. How is it. That he's so peaceable. And the answer was. Because he's going to heaven.

[28:57] That's why. It isn't natural. You know. This. This goes. Against the grain. Of. Of. Natural understanding. How is it. That in a time.

Of. A dying sinner. At the prospect of death. My friends. The prospect of heaven. Exceeded all that. There shall we see his face. And never.

Never seen. And from the rivers of his grey strength. Endless pleasure in. That was what prevailed in that dear man's heart. Oh. He was very afflicted.

And so the Lord took him to glory. But. My friends. He dwelt. In that sweet measure of peace. He once said. It's not dying. That troubles me.

It's how I will. What shall come upon me. What infirmity. What deep affliction. And what state will I be bodily. It wasn't dying that troubled him.

[29:55] It was that pathway to it. And the peace of God. Oh. That. Peace of God. Therefore. Brings sweet submission. Falling under the will and purposes of God.

I remember once in a very deep trial. Oh. Many many years ago now. I was travelling on a train.

On a Sunday. And in those days the word of God was more freely shown. To the general public than it is now. But we pulled up at a station.

And there was a text on the wall. And I've never forgot it. Thou shalt keep him in perfect peace. Whose mind is stayed on thee.

And I remember walking home from the station. I had to walk a mile and a half. And it was pouring hard. And I sang most of the way.

[30:52] Sang most of the way. It was very late. Very dark. And very wet. But you know. I felt a little measure of that peace in my soul. And I remember singing this.

And if our dearest comforts fall. Before his sacred will. He never takes away all himself. He gives us still.

And he very nearly did. My friends. He very nearly did take away. Those natural comforts. But oh the peace of God. A built peace.

A purchased peace. But then again. A freely given peace. And freely given. You have to pray for peace you know.

The troubled heart. And mind. And spirit. And pathway. Of a child of God. Can't be walked out. My friends. Without that. There shall be a pleading for.

[31:47] Some sense of this peace of it. It may not alter your way. May not at all alter it. But it makes the path bearable. And it makes the soul willing.

The peace of God. God. Which passeth. Passeth all understanding. Shall keep your hearts and minds. That's one of the.

Blessed effects of this. Inward pace. Keeps your heart and mind. God. And who doesn't need.

Such. Words. My friends. Or to understand such words. In the experience of the word. And the peace of God. Which passeth all understanding.

Shall keep your hearts. And minds. What does it mean? Is there anything else that could? Well if you've got an old nature.

[32:46] My friends. You'll know it's. Impossible. That your heart and mind. Is kept. Kept from what? Well it's not only kept from. But it's kept to.

It's. When that peace. That passeth. All understanding. Prevails. When it. Influences your steps. When it goes with you.

Night and day. In trial and trouble. My friends. There shall be a keeping. Of your hearts and minds. Keeping it from what? Though. Keeping you from that.

Dreadful sin. Of speaking against God. From rebelling. Against his holy mind. And will. Challenging God.

As it were. To the very authority. That he should do. Such things. In your lives. You know. You've heard it all. From these.

[33:42] Worldly professors. Haven't you? Oh. It's very remarkable. How religion. Is so. Peaceful. And so. Quiet. And so rejoicing.

Until the Lord. Does something. Of which. They can find. No answer for. And then their old. Nature. Rises up against it. Well.

Some of you knew. I had to take a funeral. Of a dear. Woman. Of 30 odd. Years of age. And. Those she worked with.

And there was some. That went. That made a profession. Not. I can't remember it. It was in a Baptist chapel. But oh hell. They couldn't see. This matter. Could be straight.

That such a young person. Should be taken. From time. Into eternity. And they were. Virtually arguing. Against the purposes. Of God. My friends.

[34:39] The Lord. Has. Ways and means. Of taking his people home. Some of the dearest. Ones. I've known. Have been young. Really in the way. 25 years of age.

I remember one. And this dear woman. Suffered much. But she's home. To glory. Thou shalt see. My. Glory. I'm sorry.

When the work. Of grace. Is done. Partner of my throne. Shall be. Say poor sinner. Lovers. Tell me. You know. Sometimes.

When you. Have to deal with professors. When the Lord. Puts his hand. And doesn't always. Explain. Why he does. Oh. The natural heart.

Will soon show. What natural religion. They've got. When. When. When there is that. Agreement. To the will of God. That falling under.

[35:35] That's submitting to it. My friends. Then your hearts. And minds. Are kept. And don't you need to pray. For it to be kept. And the peace of God. Which passeth all understanding.

Shall keep your hearts. And minds. And that's the only way. It will be kept. Subduing the powers. Rising up within you. Against the purposes of God.

Questioning divine authority. I believe in a measure. If you go and look at that chapter. In the first book of Samuel. When the Lord spoke.

In the night season. To Samuel. As he lay in the temple. And he told him a few things. A relative to Eli's wicked sons. Hophni and Phinehas.

And he pronounced upon them. Indeed. The sentence of death. You know in the morning. Eli called for Samuel.

[36:35] And said. What did the Lord say? What did the Lord say? What a fearful task. Of a young man. To go and tell. Eli the high priest.

What the Lord had said. Help relatives. To his distress. Would it be? And he told him. Every wit. What was the reply?

It is the Lord. Let him do. What seemeth him good. My friends. That's grace. In the working out of it. You know. It is the Lord.

Let him do. What seemeth him good. And the peace of God. Which passeth all understanding. Shall keep your hearts and minds.

Well my friends. How blessed it is. When such things come into the way. Such things my friends. There is a wonderful sense of peace.

[37:36] When it comes. It overcomes all the opposition of nature. Takes away all the fears. And especially when that peace is accompanied.

I was going to say with that grace of love. When the two are united. When you can see the dealings of the Lord. Are not in anger. But in his dear covenant love.

And it brings this measure of peace. To the soul then. And there is a walking out. Oh you will be so dependent on your God. You will have to lean hard on him.

You will have to pray against the enemy. Lest he should come in like a flood. Or in other ways that he does. Lest he should come as a whisperer. And bring distress and trouble.

My friends. Whatever lies in your path. You won't manage it. And you shall never. Indeed find a way of managing it. But if the peace of God prevails.

[38:36] And then you can. As I mentioned this morning. Leave God to order all your ways. You can indeed. That beautiful line. Come back to me time and again during the day.

Leave God to order all thy ways. When you are unable to do so. As grace is in exercise. Then indeed my friends. As a measure of peace. Obedience will bring peace too.

And the peace of God. Which passeth all understanding. Shall keep your hearts and minds. Through Christ Jesus. Through Christ Jesus.

Ever notice my friends. That the blessings and mercies and favours. That the child of God enjoys. Can only come through one channel. Out of Christ.

The almighty power. Can do nothing but devour. But there is a channel. It's a channel of mercy. It stands between. When you pray. There's a man that stands between.

[39:37] Whose garments are dyed in blood. God. When you seek at the throne of grace. For the blessed operation of the spirit in prayer. Plead the name of Jesus.

The man who stands between. But this is the channel from which. All these blessings and favours flow. Be careful for nothing but in everything.

By prayer and supplication. With thanksgiving. Let your requests be made known unto God. And through the mediator's name and merit.

Those requests are made. Those burdens are laid before the Lord. Those heavy trials are laid down before the Lord. Seeking grace to endure unto the end.

And the peace of God. Which passeth all understanding. But then my friends. I said it was a.

[40:36] Token of glory. That perfect peace. Which is with. Christ. And through Christ. And by his. Offering.

For the sins of his people. Procured peace. My friends. It's this blessing and favour. That shall keep your hearts and minds.

Whatever it may be. That tries and troubles you. Which passeth all understanding. Shall keep your hearts and minds. Just for a few moments.

At the end of this poor discourse. My friends. Might I remind you too. Of his own precious work. In bringing his children home to glory.

Whatever path you've been brought through. Whatever path. What the Lord has decreed for you to. Indeed. Have to travel through.

[41:36] None of us have reached that last. Place. That place where. Hearts shall fail. And the soul shall be transported into glory.

Not one of us have come to. A dying bed as yet. Will we not need. My friends. On that day. On that account. On that moment.

Some sense of this blessing. The peace of God. The peace of God. Which passeth all understanding. I told you before.

And I'll say it again. To his glory and honour. My friends. I have a sermon. At home. The last sermon. Of the late Mr. Collier. The pastor at Lins Lane. Oh.

How tender did he preach it. The last sermon he preached. He knew he wouldn't preach anymore. He was. His heart was in glory. What was the text.

[42:37] And I'm now ready to be offered. For the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith.

Henceforth there is laid up for me. A crown of righteousness. Which the Lord. The righteous judge. Shall give me at that day. And not to me only. But to all them also. That love is appearing.

Oh my friends. What a blessed way. To end a preaching. And a life of the ministry. There he was. Preaching what he felt. He felt that blessed.

Approaching glory. You know that's wonderful to a sinner. To look beyond this veil of tears. To see the place. Where peace is always. Not a wave of trouble.

Roll. My friends. To see the place. To see the place. To see the place. Across such souls. They enter into peace. Heaven is the place where peace. Shall be always known.

[43:39] This veil of tears. Has and shall at times. No little measure of peace. In such souls that are following Jesus. But my friends.

To be with him. To see him as he is. Without a cloud between. To see him in his glorified state. But to see within his holy body.

That remarkable mystery we have to say. There in a body like our own. United eternally. Holy humanity and deity.

The signs of the sufferings of Jesus. The nail marks. In his hands and feet. All those. My friends.

Brought peace. The peace of God. And to be forever with the Lord. And the peace of God. Which passeth.

[44:37] All understanding. What I was going to say was. My friends. How the old nature. Rises up against that day of departure. How it is.

It's naturally so. It must be so surely. As it's a way we've never walked. My friends. What frantic mind there is. And what fears rise up.

What distresses appear. On the very thought of the borders of the grave. And the apostle writes. Doesn't he about those who.

All their lifetime. Were subject to bondage. For fear of death. And so it is. My friends. Even to the wicked. They're not always so hard hearted.

And could look on death. Some of them. My friends. Find a very. Dreadful. Fear of death. When they come to it. Because they've nothing to comfort them with. But.

[45:34] I believe. A child of grace. My friends. Will know this. You know. A need of it. And he'll feel the sweet influence of it in that day. The peace of God.

Well. If you are blessed with forgiveness. And may you all be blessed with forgiveness. But. You know. In the blessing of forgiveness. There isn't anything there.

To come between. To hinder. Satan can do what he likes. Trouble. Down to the very last. My friends. But if there's no sin. To answer for.

If there's no iniquity. To. Put a thorn in your pillar. No. No. No forgiveness. For past iniquities.

It will be a solemn death. My friends. But the child of God. Who rests in that finished work. And knows what it is. In a measure to have peace in his soul.

[46:31] Through forgiveness. Though the natural side of a man. Will always fear that. Dissolution of the body. My friends. But it is to enter from.

This peace of God. Into its glorious. And sacred. Knowledge. Eternally. But I must close. We have the ordinance.

Be careful for nothing. But in everything. By prayer. And supplication. With thanksgiving. Let your requests. Be made known unto God.

And the peace of God. Which passeth all understanding. Shall keep your hearts. And minds. Through Christ Jesus.

Amen. Amen. God. Notices today.

[47:29] Father God willing. There will be a prayer meeting. On Wednesday evening. And our pastor will preach next Lord's day. There will be thanksgiving services.

On the 17th of September. When Mr. Wood will preach. Our last hymn is hymn 594.

This process is done.

We will sing at a beginning. If we are by law. Amen. I'll read first two verses and we'll sing from verse three O my soul with one to tell Jesus has done all things well and through his atoning blood I've settled peace with God he bequeathed his peace to me as a gift divinely free and it is his righteous will that my soul in peace shall dwell from verse three hymn 594 O my soul with one to tell

Jesus is mine O my soul with one to tell Jesus is mine His Michael I love you **EXEMPT** am one to tell You shall have you

[50:21] The service of Juice Sin Ayers my sun water Hell Hell in muci the Thank you.

Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you.

[55:19] Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. motivation. Thank you. Amen. ground of merit, Lord.

[56:41] We shan't be found there this night because we deserve to be there. Lord, thou hast made us painfully aware, O Lord, that we're not worthy of the least of these mercies.

But we trust and believe thy grace has made the way. O be with us there. May the grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God the Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, remain with us, both now and forever.

Amen.