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## **My Peace**

**Do you want my peace to rule in your heart?** Yes, of course, I want your peace to rule heart. What must I do If I want your peace to rule in my heart? **That is a very good question. But the answer will not be what you expect.** What do I expect? **You expect that letting my peace rule in your heart will depend on something you will do. You think that some effort on your part will make my peace rule in your heart. I have a big surprise for you.** What's that? **Your efforts will never bring you peace in your heart. My peace being in your heart does not depend on you.** You have my full attention. I am listening attentively to you. **Let me ask you a few questions.** Go ahead. **Do you believe that I love you? Do you believe that I care for you? Do you believe that I can and will help you? I know that I have you thinking.** Yes, you have me thinking. **What are you thinking?** I can see where this line of questioning is headed. **Where is that?** If I believe that you love me, if I believe that you care for me, if I believe that you can and will take care of me, then I should be able to rest in that knowledge and receive the peace that you want me to live in. **You got it.** You want me to come to trust and rely on you. **Yes, I do.** Then, I will be letting your peace rule in my heart. That I will do. **That will be very good.**

**I do want to warn you that coming to trust and rely on me will not be easy. The devil and all his evil will try to attack you and try to fill you with fear and worry and anxiety. He will try to steal and kill and destroy the peace and hope and joy and the peace I have for you. You need to be ready. You need to be prepared.** How can I be ready and be prepared? **Let my word dwell in you richly. You need your heart and mind and life to be focused on me. You need to be attentive to my voice. My word will strengthen you. My word will sustain you. My word will make you able to live a life of peace and joy and gratitude and thanksgiving as you love and follow and serve me. Will you let my peace rule in you? Will you let my word dwell in you richly?** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good. Then you will live the life I have for you. Then you will live in my peace.** Thank you, Lord.

*Lord, there is no doubt about it, these are troubling times. There is great difficulty, not only in my life, but also in the lives of many people around me. Help me to let your peace rule in me. Help me to let your word dwell in me richly, so I can live in your peace. Amen*

**Promises***Dwell In You Richly*

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

NIV

Colossians 3:15-17

**Promises***Dwell In You Richly*

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

ESV

Colossians 3:15-17

**Promises***Fill Your Lives*

And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

NLT

Colossians 3:15-17

**Promises***Dwell In You Richly*

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

NKJV

Colossians 3:15-17

**Promises***Dwell In You Richly*

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

NRSV

Colossians 3:15-17

**Promises***Have The Run Of The House*

Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

MSG

Colossians 3:15-17

**Promises***Have Its Home In Your Hearts*

And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ's] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to God always]. Let the word [spoken by] Christ (the Messiah) have its home [in your hearts and minds] *and* dwell in you in [all its] richness, as you teach and admonish *and* train one another in all insight *and* intelligence *and* wisdom [in spiritual things, and as you sing] psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making melody to God with [His] grace in your hearts. And whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus *and* in [dependence upon] His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him.

AMP

Colossians 3:15-17

**Promises***Enrich Your Lives*

Let the peace of heart that comes from Christ be always present in your hearts and lives, for this is your responsibility and privilege as members of his body. And always be thankful. Remember what Christ taught, and let his words enrich your lives and make you wise; teach them to each other and sing them out in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing to the Lord with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus, and come with him into the presence of God the Father to give him your thanks.

TLB

Colossians 3:15-17

**Promises***Richly Dwell Within You*

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

NASB

Colossians 3:15-17

**Promises***Live In You Richly*

Let the peace that Christ gives control your thinking, because you were all called together in one body to have peace. Always be thankful. Let the teaching of Christ live in you richly. Use all wisdom to teach and instruct each other by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Everything you do or say should be done to obey Jesus your Lord. And in all you do, give thanks to God the Father through Jesus.

NCV

Colossians 3:15-17

# Dwell In You Richly

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Promises** – Colossians 3:15-17

**In Context:** *Read Colossians 3*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, there is no doubt about it, these are troubling times. There is great difficulty, not only in my life, but also in the lives of many people around me. Help me to let your peace rule in me. Help me to let your word dwell in me richly, so I can live in your peace. Amen

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

**How has coming to know and love the Lord helped you to receive the peace He wants to give you?**

**How is knowing that the Lord loves and cares for you filling your life with peace?**

How has the Lord come to your aid and given you peace when you were in a distressing situation?

What thanks and praise would you like to give to the Lord for His love and care for you?

**How is letting the word of God dwell in you richly making you able to rely on Him and receive His peace?**

How is letting the word of God dwell in you richly filling your life with peace and joy and praise and gratitude?

How is letting the word of God dwell in you richly making you able to serve Him with all that is within you?

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Let the peace of Christ rule, and the word of Christ dwell, in you as you go through trials and troubles in life.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will give you His peace when you go through trials and troubles in life.

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has given you His peace as you have relied on Him.

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**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you let the word of God dwell in you richly.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will let your word dwell in me richly.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, what from your word should I let dwell in me richly today?*

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