

A Life of Gratitude

Philippians 4:4-13

A. The Peace of God and the God of Peace

1. Rejoice, always in the Lord.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.”

Philippians 4:4-5 (NIV)

2. The Promises of Peace

“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7 (NIV)

“And the God of peace will be with you.”

Philippians 4:9b (NIV)

3. The Conditions for Peace

a. Pray with the posture of thankfulness.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

b. Think positive thoughts.

“Finally, brothers and sisters, 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 about such things.”

Philippians 4:8 (NIV)

B. The Contented Christian

1. Christian generosity leads to contentment.

“I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.” Philippians 4:10 (NIV)

2. Christian discipline leads to contentment.

“I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.” Philippians 4:11-12 (NIV)

3. Christian trustfulness leads to contentment.

“I can do all this through Him Who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13 (NIV)

C. So, how then shall we live?

1. Pray instead of panic.

“This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’ Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)

2. Worship instead of worry.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?” Matthew 6:25-27 (NIV)

3. Rejoice instead of rail.

“Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.” John 16:20-22 (NIV)

4. Bless instead of buy up.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)

Bottom Line:

If you want peace, you need to trust the God of peace.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

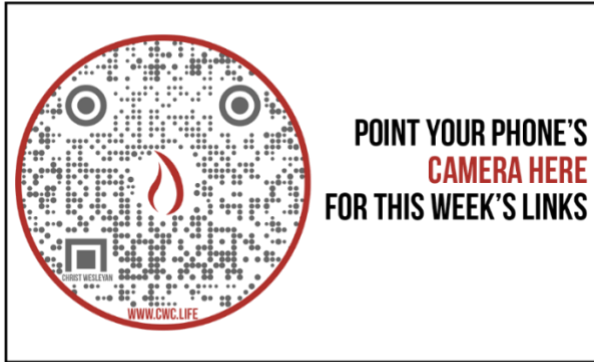
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Next Sunday:

Week 1: Messengers: From Heaven to Earth

Milton Campus: Pastor Erik Ireland

Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 58.6% of goal

Giving year to date: 81.2% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,938

Salvations to date: 188 | Baptisms to date: 61

“Reach the One” Campaign Update:

\$1,359,095 pledged with 126 pledges received.

\$356,894 total received YTD (pledged and non-pledged)

Want to pledge, donate, or learn more?

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Upcoming Happenings:

Christmas @ Christ Wesleyan!

December 14: Christmas Encounter 6p

December 24: Christmas Eve: Candle Lighting service

Milton Campus: 3p, 4:30p, 6p

Sunbury Campus: 3p and 4:30p

December 29: “Culture Wars: A Morning with Ruslan”

LIVE Morning Guest Speaker: Ruslan KD

(YouTube Influencer.)

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