

The Advocate, the Holy Spirit

John 14: 23-31

The context

- following earlier verses
- the Father heart of God
- Father, Son, Holy Spirit
- love ↔ obedience

Our challenge

- respond with selfless love
- be & remain in His presence
- welcome in every part of life
- God making a home with us



²³ Jesus replied, “**All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them.** ²⁴ Anyone who doesn’t love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me.

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What's in a word? Name & function

Parakletos

- suggests helper able to give aid
- advocate, counsel for defence
- intercessor
- comforter
- encourager
- Saviour/ Redeemer

Spirit of Jesus coming at Pentecost to the disciples and later to us

- to teach us everything we need
- to inspire us to remember words



²⁵ I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. ²⁶ But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

Peace of mind and heart

Shalom / Eirene = God's rule & justice, wholeness, harmony, welfare

Prince of peace – Isaiah 9: 6

Perfect peace – Isaiah 26: 3

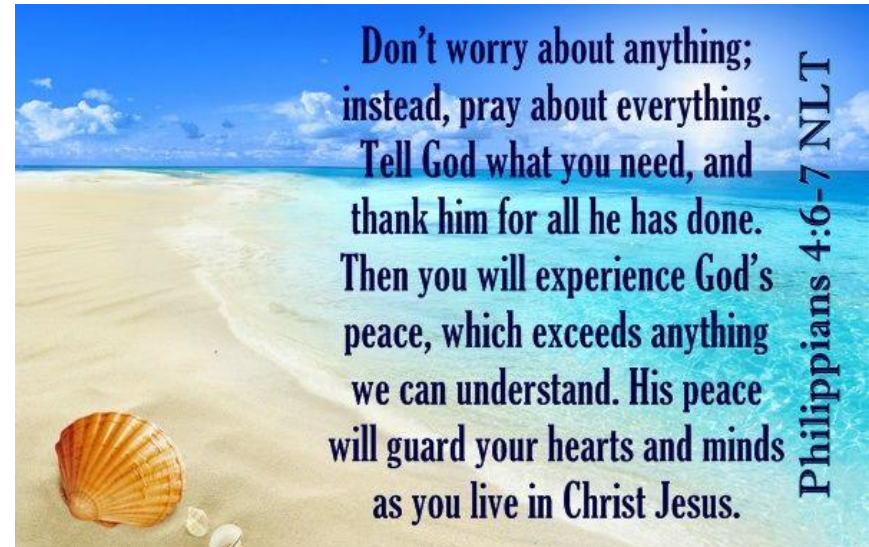
Making peace through His blood, shed on the cross – Col 1: 20

How to make or keep peace?

God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, ... – 2 Tim 1: 7

Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.
– Joshua 1: 9

27 “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.



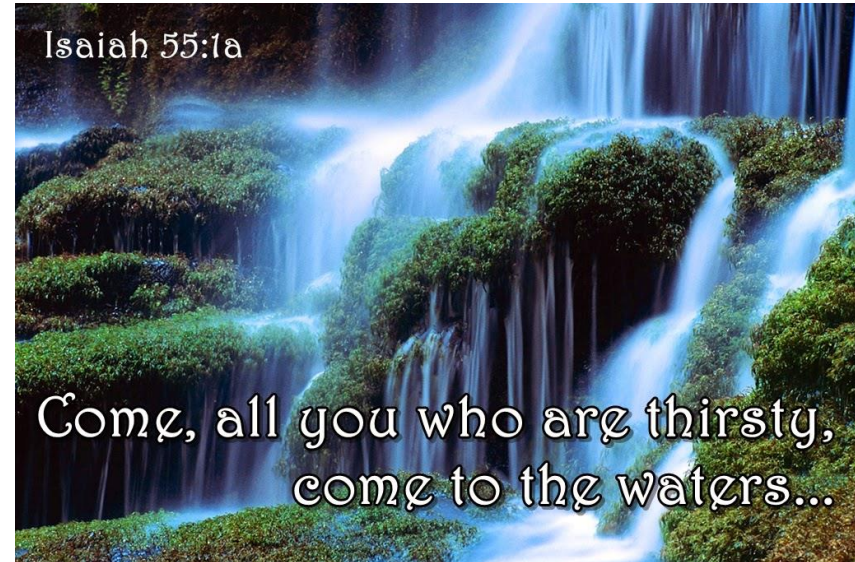
Faith for the future, whether on earth or in heaven

14 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

Back to beginning to confirm

- dwelling in His presence
- trust in God's word
- Jesus is returning to Father
- reminder of funeral message

28 Remember what I told you: I am going away, but I will come back to you again. If you really loved me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, who is greater than I am. **29** **I have told you these things before they happen so that when they do happen, you will believe.**



Isaiah 55:1a

Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters...

12 You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace.' - Is 55:1,12

Time for the disciples to put Jesus' teaching into action
Meanwhile, Jesus prepares to do the Father's will



³⁰ “I don’t have much more time to talk to you, because the ruler of this world approaches. He has no power over me, ³¹ but **I will do what the Father requires of me, so that the world will know that I love the Father. Come, let’s be going.**