



Prayer Focus – Peace, I Leave You

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Greetings, Empower Church! We are in full swing of the holiday season. As we move into what is a joyous time of the year filled with festive celebrations with family and friends, there is a sinking feeling of anxiety in the air. But there is also the **subtle sense of peace** resting in and upon those who are restraining those forces of fear and apprehension. This dichotomy has and will always be present until Jesus regains full ownership of the earth and this realm. But these opposite and opposing forces are never more at odds than at the unveiling of something glorious, such as when Jesus was born, His crucifixion or when the glorious church was being revealed! The enemy opposing God was working chaos in the earth in the attempt to stop the disclosure of Jesus, His son, yet the **Prince of Peace** was made known to those who would believe (**Isaiah 9:6-7 AMPC**). Angels appeared after the birth of Jesus saying, *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth PEACE among those with whom HE IS PLEASED* (Luke 2:14 ESV). The writer in **Hebrews 11:6 ESV** writes **and without FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM.** Faith is defined for us in **Hebrews 11:1 AMPC**; **NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things, [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].** This is why it is ever so important to not get caught up in the sense realm; what we see, hear, taste, touch, and feel because these senses can blind us to the unseen realm. Prior to Christ, we had learned, reasoned, experienced, and became familiar with life, trusting in our five senses some 10, 20 to 50 years. When we accepted Jesus as our Lord, we were immediately told to read the bible; why? Because faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. We now are learning to lean on the Word of God searching for answers and directions on how we are to live, move and have our being. We stepped into a brand-new way of living in this world which means our reliance is now in and on Him, and His sacred teachings. The Word of God did not originate or come about because men willed it or because of human impulse, but by men who were moved and impelled by Holy Spirit and spoke God's Word revealing the realm of the spirit which is more real than we could ever imagine. The Word is one of the ways Holy Spirit communicates and leads us as stated in **John 14:26-27 TPT**. *But when the Father sends the Spirit of Holiness, the One like Me Who sets you free, He will teach you all things in My name. And He will inspire you to remember every word that I've told you. I leave the gift of peace with you-My peace. Not the kind of fragile peace given by the world, but My perfect peace. Don't yield to fear or be troubled in your hearts-instead, be courageous!* Paul encouraged

Timothy and us, that we are now to be empowered by His Holy Spirit and the inspired Word to fulfill our assignments despite what is going on around us (**2 Timothy 3:16-17 TPT**).

God has transmitted His very substance into every Scripture, for it is God-breathed. It will empower you by its instruction and correction, giving you the strength to take the right direction and lead you deeper into the path of godliness. Then you will be God's servant, fully mature and perfectly prepared to fulfill any assignment God gives you.

In **John 14:26-27 TPT**, the **Prince of Peace** revealed the **gift of peace** He left us, that is produced by the Comforter: the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, Spirit of counsel and might, Spirit of knowledge and the Spirit of the fear of the Lord who brings to remembrance Jesus's every Word (Isaiah 11:2 NKJV). Holy Spirit, the author of the Word of God knows the Father's intentions and heart concerning a matter and helps us, giving us the right direction leading us on a path that fulfills our appointments. We mentioned earlier that Satan's opposition is greatest when God is about to reveal something glorious. Paul describes the opposition he faced and his response when the church was being gloriously unveiled in **2 Timothy 3:11-15 TPT**; ***And the same persecutions and difficulties I have endured. Yes, you know all about what I had to suffer while in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. You're aware of all the persecution I endured there; yet the Lord delivered me from every single one of them! for all who choose to live godly as worshipers of Jesus, the Anointed One, will also experience persecution. But the evil men and sorcerers will progress from bad to worse, deceived and deceiving, as they lead people further from the truth. Yet you must continue to advance in strength with the truth wrapped around your heart, being assured by God that He's the One who has truly taught you all these things. Remember what you were taught from your childhood from the Holy Scrolls which can impart to you wisdom to experience everlasting life through the faith of Jesus, the Anointed One!*** Paul described to us that amid the turmoil that surrounds, we are to continue in the Word knowing our God will deliver us! Paul encouraged the church in **Romans 15:13 AMPC**; ***May the God of your hope so fill you with all joy and peace in believing [through the experience of your faith] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound and be overflowing (bubbling over) with hope.***

And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ (the Word) 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]. (Colossians 3:15 AMPC).

Proverbs 4:4 TPT,
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