

PEACE With

A COLLECTION FROM DR. MARTYN LLOYD-JONES

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.

JOHN 14:27 (NLT)



Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones (1899–1981) has been described as "a great pillar of the 20th century Evangelical Church." Born in Wales and educated in London, he was a brilliant student who embarked upon a short, but successful, career as a medical doctor at the famous St. Bartholomew's Hospital. However, the call of Gospel ministry was so strong that he left medicine in order to become minister of a mission hall in Port Talbot, South Wales. Eventually he was called to Westminster Chapel in London, where thousands flocked to hear his "full-blooded" Gospel preaching, described by one hearer as "logic on fire." With some 1,600 of his sermons recorded and digitally restored, this has left a legacy which is now available to bless more generations of Christians.

Certainty of Salvation



What is "peace with God," and how does one attain this? Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones discusses this as he preaches on Romans 5. Paul has just finished explaining that righteousness by faith was not only imputed for Abraham, but also for us! The apostle is now going to show us the absolute finality and fullness of our salvation, which comes to us as a result of our faith. The greatest proof of our final salvation and the assurance we have in this is our union with Christ! Dr. Lloyd-Jones explains three things that justification by faith does for us: it puts us at peace with God, puts us firmly in a place of all blessings, and enables us to exalt the prospect of our future glorification. Before we are even able to obtain blessings or think about future glorification, we need to have access to the Lord. Salvation and all its blessings are only attained through our Lord Jesus Christ. Dr. Lloyd-Jones then goes on to define and explain what peace with God is and how Paul will continue on with this theme in the coming verses.

References: Romans 5:1-2



Having Peace with God



Paul's letter to the Romans explained that all men were under God's judgement, all men have hope through justification by faith, and he explains in chapter 5 that we can have peace with God. We were previously enemies, but now we can have assurance and a resting faith in our salvation through Jesus Christ! Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones outlines how we know if we have this peace with God: our mind is content with the process of justification by faith, we know that Christ loves us despite us being sinners, we can answer the accusations of our conscience and the devil, and we no longer fear death or judgement. If we were to fail or falter at any of these tests, then we may not have a true peace with God. Sometimes sin makes us question or doubt our justification, but regardless, our salvation is still true. Dr. Lloyd-Jones reminds us that justification is one declarative act forever and our faith always can fight this doubt victoriously! He then goes on to explain what the results of justification by faith produce in our lives as well as discussing what a false sense of peace with God is.

References: Romans 5:1-2



The Peace of God: Knowing Jesus Christ as Savior



The Gospel of Jesus Christ brings peace to all who believe and trust in it. This is not only peace with God, but it gives us a peace knowing that we trust in a God who can free us from sin and evil. Listen as Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones proclaims that Christ can and will complete the work He began in us. We have access to God on the basis of what Christ has done in our stead and through the working of the Holy Spirit. This glorious truth of this message is what grounds and upholds the Christian life. We can abide in Christ because of what He has done for us as our great Savior. This is not to say that there are not any struggles in the Christian life. For as our Savior's life was marked by willful suffering, so too the Christian life is marked by a willingness to suffer for God. Therefore, when we suffer as Christians we can do so knowing that we can always rely on God to give us His strength to suffer in a way that honors God. We go before the throne of God on the basis of Christ pleading our case before God Almighty. It is this Gospel that grants true peace for all who believe.

References: John 1:16



My Peace I Give to You



Do you live in a state of fear and anxiety? You are not alone! But there is a peace in the midst of life's troubles. Like being in the eye of a hurricane, the disciples were enjoying the peace of being in the presence of Christ. In the midst of this peace, their hearts had become troubled and fearful. As they enjoyed fellowship in the upper room, Jesus announced He was leaving them to return to the Father. This news caused them to become fearful and anxious. As Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones explains from John 14:27, Jesus gives a promise of peace. The disciples, along with all believers in the future, can live at peace in the midst of a chaotic and cruel world. In fact, the possession and experience of peace is a central fruit of the Christian faith. This peace is different. It is not the kind of empty peace the world offers. Do you try to find peace through: Entertainment? Drugs? Yoga? Wishful thinking? Closing yourself off? These are worldly and empty means to find peace. Are you struggling to be at peace? In this sermon, Lloyd-Jones offers to you the true, eternal peace that is found in Christ.

References: John 14:27



Grace; Peace; Glory



Why is every word of Scripture vital? In a creative and compelling exposition of Ephesians 1:2, Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones expounds the significance of two words: grace and peace. Lloyd-Jones argues that these two words contain the most profound truths of the Christian faith. Our Christian lives begin with God's condescended love, His beneficent kindness, His unmerited favor. In other words, it begins with grace. This unmerited favor begins our faith, whereas peace is the result of our faith. Fallen man has a minimal and warped sense of peace. Dr. Lloyd-Jones says "reconciliation" captures the biblical picture of what God promises in peace. The peace that God gives includes peace with God, peace with self, and peace with others. Since God gives us what we do not deserve, we can give that same grace to others. His peace makes us peacemakers, even with our enemies, because we sympathize and understand mankind's core problem is sin. Grace and peace only come through the Lord Jesus Christ. To deny the exclusivity of Christ is a denial of Christianity and the only place where, not only grace and peace, but glory can be found.

References: **Ephesians 1:2**



The World that Wants Peace



All the turmoil and strife in the world has its root in man's sinful rebellion against God the creator. When men rebel and reject God as ruler, they lose any hope of true peace and happiness. As Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones explains, all hope is lost because the world rejects the Creator who is the source of all blessings. When men reject God as ruler, they set themselves up as their own rulers. This leads to anger, bitterness, jealousy, strife, and hatred between men. This is the current state of the world. There is suffering and pain on a massive scale across the globe that man seeks to fix. But Dr. Lloyd-Jones says that it is the fallen nature of man that produces these ills. And it is only the Gospel of Jesus Christ that brings renewal and true change. It is only by the transformation of hearts and minds that the world will come to know peace and experience joy. This is the great promise of the Gospel—the renewal and transformation of the whole world under the reign of Christ.

References: Acts 4:31-35



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