

Pastor's Corner: We live in a time where rumors of war, oppression, restlessness reigns, and our hearts are troubled by the cares of life. So, we are in search of peace, wonderful peace. What is peace? Can you describe it? Can you feel it? Can you see it? How do you define it? Webster defines peace as this: a state of tranquility or quiet, freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions. When peace is found, freedom is found from disquiet and oppression. So, you can describe it and feel it and define it, but can you see it? God's peace is more than just a feeling or a state of mind. When God gives us His wonderful peace that He defines as passing our understanding, it can't always be described, but it can be seen in us by others who are searching for peace. When a person goes from a state of suffering from the bondage of oppression and disquiet immediately to a state of freedom of tranquility and quiet, it is very visible. God's peace is something concrete that can be seen in others and that others can see in us. Pray for God's peace to fall on each of us today. Pray we each take that peace with us today for others to see who are searching for it. Is there anything that is stealing your peace? We are reminded of the words of Jesus in *John 14:27*, "*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*"

Blessings,

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