SHALOM



"Peace be with you!"

His peace fills the room.

It's his Shalom, his Sabbath Rest.

These men are now enveloped in the atmosphere of the world to come.

That peace becomes their companion day and night for the rest of their lives.

It rules their hearts.

It keeps them focused.

When Jesus says it to us,

"Peace be with you!"

His peace fills the room.

But has it entered us?

Are we wrapped in his Sabbath Rest?



Jesus' Shalom is always the starting point.

To know his Sabbath Rest,

To walk in it every day...

....is not an option; it is a necessity.

Without his Shalom we are always distracted,

always upset about something,

always at war on some level,

always afraid.

Jesus is our Sabbath.

"Come to me all you who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."



Matthew 11

The present turmoil in Christendom,

The increasing conflict among believers,

The discontent in our own hearts...

..... is evidence that our Lord's gift of Shalom has been bypassed.

Have we forgotten?

The love of God,

The wisdom of the Spirit,

The power of the Crucified Lord,

.... can only thrive in hearts that are ruled by God's peace.



So the Master says to us,

"Peace be with you!"

Will we receive it?

Will we walk in it?

Will we get under his yoke and learn from him who is meek and lowly in heart?

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts to which indeed you were called in the One Body. And be thankful!

Colossians 3



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Prayer- Lord how we need your true Shalom. Without it we are restless, conflicted, distracted, loveless and lost. We admit we have bypassed your peace for the troubles of the world. Yoke us to you again so we may find the rest for our souls that you promise to us. May we hear your words calling to us "peace be with you" may it flood our hearts and fill the atmosphere around us. May our love for you and the joy and thankfulness we find in your peace lead us to let your peace rule in our hearts each day of our life. Maranatha Mirror

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