RULED BY HIS PEACE



"Peace be with you," said the risen Lord, when he suddenly appeared to his disciples.

The peace that stilled the storm now stilled their hearts.

But will that peace be there tomorrow?

Will these men have peace when the storms break around them?

The peace of Christ will be theirs as long as it is allowed to rule their hearts.

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts."

Colossians 3

"Peace be with you," says the Lord to us.

Suddenly all the storms within us vanish.

But will that peace be there tomorrow?

Christ's peace is ours forever, if we allow it to rule our hearts.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

John 14

Strange thing about the Lord's peace.

It remains only if we allow it to rule.



How does the Lord's peace rule?

It convicts us when self-righteous anger rises up in our hearts.

It nudges us when we lose our focus.

It warns us when we climb the judgment throne.

It calls us to repent of our arrogance before it's too late.

It opens a path of peace for us to walk.

The peace of Christ and the Body of Christ.

The Body of Christ is a Kingdom of Peace.

It is not an institution.

It is not an organization.

It is not a religious club.

The Body of Christ belongs to those who walk in peace with God and with each other.



"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which you were called in the one Body."

Colossians 3

When we refuse to let the peace of Christ rule our hearts, we are no longer the Body of Christ.

We are just another sect.

Lord Jesus, have mercy on us!

Lord, come back to us!

In his mercy the Lord returns.

"Peace be with you," he says.

Our hearts are revived.

But will that peace be there tomorrow?

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which you were called in the one Body."



Prayer: O Lord, our hearts are not truly at peace, and how we need your peace, not just fleeting moments of peace, but deep abiding, healing, overcoming peace. Father, we come to you for this peace you offer, rule our hearts, truly rule them. Bring us to the point where our hearts are no longer troubled, where we are no longer ruled by fears and concerns. Bring us to the point where we no longer fret, we longer judge, we no longer need to control, where we lay it all before you and are able to trust your hand in everything.

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