

PHILIPPIANS Lesson 49

Chapter 4, verses 9-11: Right Deeds for God's Peace

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Prayer leads to peace (vss. 6-7).

Thinking on right things will result in peace (vs. 8).

Doing right results in peace (vs. 9). You cannot have peace while sinning.

"⁹ Those things, which ye have both learned..."

- Right living must be learned from God's holy scriptures.

"...And received..." after you learn what is right, you must receive it.

- Jesus Christ died for all sinners, but only those sinners who receive Him are saved (Jn 1:12).
 - Many sinners know the same truths that you do, but they have not received Christ and are therefore still lost and destined for hell.
- By reading the Bible or listening to preaching, you may learn about the right way to live.
 - That knowledge will not benefit you unless you take what you learn to heart and apply it to your life.

"...and seen me..." We need men and women to show us right Christian living. (See Titus 2:1-8).

- We need to practice what we preach and be an example to others. Don't be a hypocrite.

"...for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content."

- Your circumstances may change often, but your attitude of heart should remain contented in the Lord (**Habakkuk 3:17-18**). You should be able to rejoice in the Lord no matter your situation.

"Not that I speak in respect of want..." (vs. 11) Paul commends this church for their generous financial support. Their giving is recorded here in verses 14-18.

PAUL OFTEN EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO THOSE WHO GAVE SO THAT HE COULD MINISTER.

- Romans 16:1-4 – Paul was grateful for Phoebe and for Priscilla and Aquilla.
- 2 Timothy 1:16-18 – Paul was grateful for the kind treatment given by Onesiphorus.
- 2 Thessalonians 1:3 – Paul was thankful for love exhibited by others.

If you have benefited from the kind generosity of a Christian brother, sister, or family, please take the time to let them know how much you appreciate it.