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SERIES: PEACE IS ATTAINABLE

TITLE: Peace with God

SONGS: BECAUSE HE LOVED ME

WALK WITH ME

INTRO: Welcome to Grace Notes. On our last program we found that true peace can't be bought, learned or orchestrated. It comes supernaturally from God and is independent of our external surroundings. The reason for this is that peace is part of our soul. Because we've sinned against God, our relationship with the Author of peace is severed. But God provided the way for restoration to occur through the sacrificial gift of His son, Jesus, the Prince of Peace. He died and rose again to pay the penalty for our sin. By accepting Him as our Savior, we are at PEACE WITH GOD. On our program today, our host, Barbara Sandbek, will tell us how we can be at peace with ourselves.

Psalm 29:11b says...The Lord blesses His people with peace.

When Jesus was ascending to heaven to return to the Father He said, in John 14:27...

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world gives, give I unto you.

What's so different about this peace? It allows us to remain at rest even in the middle of trials. Believing in Jesus gives us peace with God because we're seen as acceptable and righteous in His sight.

Romans 4:26-5:1 says...God will credit righteousness to us who believe in Him who raised Jesus, our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have PEACE with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 32:17 says...The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever.

We have this quiet confidence because we're given the Holy Spirit of God, who resides in our heart. His presence revives our spirit and unites it with our body and soul, the way man was originally created to be.

Psalm 85:10 says... Righteous and peace kiss each other.

A kiss is a mode of attachment. It symbolizes the comfortable, harmonious relationship we long for - an intimate fellowship with God, the Father – a complete assurance that we are His and He is ours forever. Now, that's true love.

**** BECAUSE HE LOVED ME ****

VERSE 1

*ON A HILL CALLED CALVARY JESUS MY LORD SUFFERED FOR ME
HE CARRIED THE CROSS ALL THE WAY MY SINS TO ATONE.
THEN THEY NAILED HIM TO THE CROSS
GREAT WAS THE PAIN AND THE LOSS
HE SUFFERED IT ALL BECAUSE HE LOVED ME.*

CHORUS

*BECAUSE HE LOVED ME MY SAVIOR DIED ON THE CROSS WAS
CRUCIFIED
NO GREATER LOVE BY MORTAL MAN HAS EVER BEEN KNOWN
OH PRAISE HIS DEAR NAME HE LOVES ME SO
NOW I AM HIS HE'S MINE I KNOW
HE SUFFERED IT ALL BECAUSE HE LOVED ME.*

VERSE 2

*THEN THEY CARRIED HIM AWAY PLACED HIM IN A LONELY GRAVE
SURELY THEY THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD BE THE END OF THIS MAN
BUT ON THE THIRD AND GLORIOUS DAY
GOD CAME AND ROLLED THE STONE AWAY
HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD BECAUSE HE LOVED ME*

There's nothing we can DO to gain peace with God, but ask to receive it through Jesus. He did all the work, but there is something we must do to keep peace within ourselves.

Let's look at the definition of peace again. It is harmony between spirit, body and mind, completeness or wholeness.

When we're at peace with God we are no longer at enmity with Him, but there are times when there seems to be a war inside us because we want control of things we should give over to God. The apostle Paul knew what this was like. He wrote in Roman 7:21-25...

I find this law at work. When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law, but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am!

What I like about Paul is that he tells it like it is, but not until he's found a solution. He continues...

Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God – through Jesus Christ our Lord.

While our souls are redeemed immediately upon believing in Christ, our bodies remain in the same state until Christ comes to take us to Heaven. If we yield to sin, we lose the peace of mind. But with the power of the Holy Spirit inside us, we can say 'no'. Here's where WE have work to do. Isaiah 26:3 says...

Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee because He trusts in Thee.

This involves action on our part. God will help us remain pure and keep us at peace, but we must focus, or keep our mind 'stayed', on Him. The word 'stayed' means 'to lean upon' or 'take hold of'. This is a picture of trust. You don't lean against someone unless you believe they can and will hold you up, nor do you try to take hold of something that you know will flit away. King David's thoughts proved he was stayed on the Lord when He wrote in Psalm 18:2...

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer, my God is my rock in whom I take refuge.

God is firm, solid, impregnable and immovable – just the kind of stability we all need.

Want a RECIPE for PEACE within? Focus on Jesus. He's not hard to find. Jeremiah 29:13 says...

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with ALL your heart.

Peace rules your heart the day Christ rules your heart. You see, you can ask Him to be your Savior, but not turn the title deed of your life over to Him. I did that for years and I want to tell you, that leaves you at odds with yourself, because God's Spirit in you is crying out to be heard.

Proverbs 14:30 says that a heart at peace gives life to the body. It's like a medicine – it makes you whole.

Why not ask Jesus to be more than your Savior – ask Him to be part of your life, to walk with you and show you the peace He so longs to give you.

***** WALK WITH ME *****

*Walk with me -Walk with me
Lest mine eyes no longer see
All the glory -All of the story of your love
Talk to me -Talk to me
As you spoke so tenderly
As you walk there, as you talk there
By the sea.*

Chorus

*Let me follow in the footsteps
That trod the shores of Galilee.
And let me learn to pray as He prayed.
In the garden of Gethsemane*

*Take my hand -Take my hand
Teach me, lord, to understand
All the beauty -All the duty
Of your love.*

repeat chorus

*Take my hand - Take my hand
Teach me, lord, to understand
All the beauty - All the duty
Of your love.*

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