THE PEACE OF GOD
John 14:25-29; Romans 8:6; Philippians 4:8,9; Galatians 5:22

Introduction:  1) Put John 14:25-29 back up on the screen 2) Jesus is saying these things like he is giving his last will and testament  3) The interesting thing about this text is his mentioning about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is mentioned because He is the one who conveys to us the peace Jesus wants to give us.  4) This is why Jesus begins John 14 with the announcement that he is going away to the Father’s house. He must because if he doesn’t the comforter cannot come and give us the peace of God.  5) Our goal this morning is to lay out in detail what I have introduced to you and then show you how the Holy Spirit conveys the peace of God to us

I.  My peace I give unto you
   A.  Jesus first must win this peace for us
       1. Romans 5:6-11 (Reconciled by his death, he received God’s wrath in our place)
       2. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
       3. Ephesians 2:13-18
       4. Hebrews 5:5,6; 7:1-3,11,14-17, 22-28 (Jesus greatest work was as our High Priest)
   B.  Jesus returns to the Father and sends the Comforter
       1. John 16:7
       2. John 14:26

II.  How do we receive the Peace of God
A. The Spirit glorifies Jesus by bringing the words and promises of Christ to our remembrance - John 16:12-15

B. These are the things of the Spirit
   1. Romans 8:6
   2. Galatians 5:22
   3. Philippians 4:8,9

C. Practical application
   1. We should not expect peaceful circumstances all the time (Satan and the world are not at peace with us)
   2. The peace of God comes when we trust the words and promises of Jesus - John 14:29; 2 Peter 1:3,4 (partakers of the divine nature, the peace of God)
   3. It is therefore essential that we know as much of the promises of God as we can, our peace depends upon it and this is what the Spirit uses
   4. Examples:
      A. Jesus words calmed the storm once
      B. We can have a calm assurance in our hearts when we hear certain promises - Romans 8:28, 31,32; Ephesians 3:16-19
   5. As we have seen in some of these Scriptures, peace is a powerful motivator towards holiness - 1 John 1:7,9 (We always have the certainty of our relationship with God because Jesus eliminated God’s wrath from our life but we can have the peace of our fellowship with God disrupted when we deliberately sin)

Conclusion: 1) Peace cannot be given by the world, it cannot be generated by ourselves, it is a gift from God, won
through the shed blood of Jesus on the cross. 2) Jesus wants us to have it and what always enables us to receive it is faith, when we trust what God has said. How much of man’s worries, fears, anxieties, depression, and despair could be eliminated if they would only seek the Peace of God.