

# **PEACE TREATY**

## **Philippians 4:4-7**

**We can have the peace of God when we keep His commands**

### **I. OUR RESPONSIBILITIES** (4-6)

#### **A. REJOICE** (4)

1. The Summons: Chose joy!
2. The Source
  - a. In the Lord
  - b. In the Lord's person:
    - Savior (Luke 1:47), Mediator (I Tim. 2:5) and Advocate (I John 2:1)
  - c. In the Lord's promises
    - Consider Matt. 11:28 and Heb. 13:5
3. The Seasons: Always
  - a. There is never a time when joy should not overflow
  - b. I Thess. 5:16 "Rejoice always"
4. The Summary:
  - We must keep on rejoicing in the Lord and when we do we'll always be rejoicing in the Lord.

#### **B. YIELD** (5)

1. The Practice: Gentleness
  - a. Reasonableness: Don't overreact
  - b. Forbearance: Take the wrong if necessary to maintain peace - See I Cor. 6:7
  - c. Graciousness: Being tolerant concerning another's faults
  - d. Endurance: Accepting injustice without retaliation - See Rom. 12:19
2. The Publicity
  - The command is to make our gentleness easily detected by others
3. A Perspective
  - The Lord is now watching and will soon be examining us - See I Cor. 4:5

#### **C. TRUST** (6a)

1. The Command
  - a. Never be filled with anxious care
  - b. Cast your cares on Christ - I Peter 5:7
2. The Call
  - a. Count God in - Matt. 6:28-32
  - b. Seek God's ways - Matt. 6:33-34
  - c. Flee to God's fortress - Psalm 57:1
  - d. Celebrate God's care - Hab. 3:17-19

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**D. PRAY (6b)**

1. The contrast to worry: Not this ... but this
2. The conditions for prayer
  - a. In everything - Eph. 6:18
  - b. With thanksgiving
    - Which protects us from ungratefulness and reminds us of God's faithfulness
3. The kinds of prayer
  - a. Reverent: Prayer > A worshipful devotion to God
  - b. Passionate: Supplication > A cry regarding a keenly felt need
  - c. Definite: Requests > Particular petitions

**II. GOD'S REWARDS (7)****A. PEACE (7a)**

1. Secured by obedience
  - We'll never find peace by searching for it ... it only comes to those whose attitudes and behavior comply with God's commands
2. Sourced in God
  - a. The origin is in Him alone
  - b. Note Isaiah 26:3
3. Surpassing comprehension
  - a. Beyond the reach of human minds but not out of reach in Christian experience
  - b. We're able to enjoy it without being able to explain it

**B. PROTECTION (7b)**

1. The Sentry
  - One who is posted at every entrance and ready to defend us and defeat our enemies
2. The Significance
  - One who guards our feelings (hearts) and thoughts (minds).
3. The Salvation
  - In Christ Jesus

**CONCLUSION:**

**Are we willing to come to the table and comply with the particulars of God's peace treaty?**

- Will we rejoice?
- Do we yield?
- Are we trusting?
- Have we prayed?