

LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
“Living At Peace: With Others and With Myself”
Philippians 4:1-9

Intro: In chapter 4 verses 1-9 Paul presents a series of exhortations that build upon the concept he presented in verses 20-21 of the previous chapter. That is, as citizens of heaven, and in light of the Lord Jesus Christ’s soon appearing to take us to heaven, the Philippians and all Christians are exhorted to *live at peace with one another and with themselves*.

I. Living At Peace With Others—Exhortations: 4:1-5

- A. “Stand firm **in the Lord**” (4:1; cf. 1:27)
- B. “Live in harmony **in the Lord**” (4:2-3)
- C. “Rejoice **in the Lord** always; again I will say, rejoice!” (4:4)
- D. “Be a blessing to all men: for **the Lord is coming**” (4:5)



II. Living At Peace With Myself—Receiving God’s Peace 4:6-9

- A. An exhortation to “*trust God*” (4:6a)
- B. An exhortation to “*pray*”; resulting in “*the peace of God*” (4:6b-7)
 - 1. The prayer to God: “*develop an attitude of gratitude!*” **Four essential elements:**
 - 2. The peace of God: *a supernatural provision* (v. 7, 9c)
- C. An exhortation to “*think rightly*” (4:8)

Paul provides a *sixfold formula that will provide believers with “peace of mind.”*
- D. An exhortation to “*behave rightly*” (4:9)

Do you want God’s peace? Paul says, “Then practice the things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me; **and the God of peace shall be with you.**”

Applications:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Memory verse: “*For me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*” *Philippians 1:21*