

Peace and Prayer

Philippians 4: 6 - 7

Introductory Question: The experience of the peace of God is dependent on some other things. What are some of these things?

1.A Serious Problem v.6a

A. The meaning: "anxiety" - to be pulled in two different directions.
Born of hope and fear.

B. The command: meant to control our nature
meant to change our nature

2.The Consistent Practice v.6

A. The "anything" of worry is replaced by the "everything" of prayer

B. What is Prayer?

"Prayer" - adoration. To enter into God's presence

"Petition" - supplication - to bring specific requests before God.

"Thanksgiving" - appreciation. To recount past blessings.

3.The Provision of Peace v.7

- This passage says that the peace of God:

- A. Consequential

- B. Protective: "guard" - the soldier keeps what is "out" out;
the soldier keeps what is "in" in.

- "heart" and "mind" - the peace of God guards the
essentials of life.

- C. Beyond human comprehension and creation

- D. Connected to Christ.