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## Let The Peace of God Rule in Your Hearts And Be Ye Thankful - Happy Thanksgiving!

by Ron Myers

*And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful" (Col 3:15).*

Be Ye Thankful! Wow! Paul wrote that in the *Present Tense* and *Imperative Mood*, denoting an essential duty or urgency of purpose. The whole verse carries a sense of gratitude and appreciation about a thing, event, or person. Just wondering, am I the only one who finds myself having tendencies these days to look at things through a tarnished viewfinder? A negative frame of mind, if you will? There's certainly an overabundance of things these days to be disheartened about; things of which we can do nothing but hope and pray. Yes, pray and be thankful for all the underserved blessings God has bestowed on us by His Grace. Combined with the fact that He saved us from that which we deserve by His Mercy.

I'm drawn to the beginning of this verse, "*And let the peace of God rule in your heart.*" We can only enjoy the peace of God, because when we were once at enmity with Him because of our sin, we now have peace with God because of His Son Jesus, our Lord and Savior. I find the word *peace* has a certain calming effect, even as I am writing to you on the eve of the upcoming event that we aptly call *Thanksgiving Day*. As I paused to consider it all, these lyrics from the hymn "Wonderful Peace" flooded into my thoughts:

Peace, peace, wonderful peace; Coming down from the Father above!

Sweep over my spirit forever, I pray; In fathomless billows of love!

Praise God! We have our Heavenly Father's ultimate peace, given to us freely through our restored relationship with Him, through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you, God, for your Mercy and Grace, made possible through your everlasting Love. "*Now abideth Faith, Hope, and Love, but the Greatest of these is Love*" (1 Corinthians 13:13).

Cheryl and I appreciate your prayers and the generosity of all you who believe in the vital ministry God has placed in our care. It's to soon to reveal very much at this point. Confidentially speaking, God is opening up a wonderful new vista of ministry, mentoring and teaching His word to new expat pastors. I will go into as much detail as possible later, as things unfold.

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