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The Life of Christ Part 3

“Peace”

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Colossians 3:3 *For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 3:4* *When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

Romans 8:1 *There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

Now, I would like to ask the question, “*when there is no condemnation*”, how do you feel? Are you at Peace? That’s right, and once you have come under the blood and have made your peace with God, then the next question is “*how Do I stay in that Peace?*”

You see, as I look at where the world is headed and the trials and tribulations, the stresses and pressure that each of believer seems to be coming under, I have to ask myself, if *we have Grace and Peace through our Lord Jesus Christ*, why do we feel the stresses and strains and the pulls from every direction?

And the answer is very simple and we will look at this question and Lord willing will find the answer is very simple in our study this morning. First let me say that the Apostle Paul tell us in several places in Scripture that *Grace, Mercy and Peace come from God*, so outside of these three things you can not have peace. Not real lasting peace anyway. Because our Peace is associated with the *Grace and Mercy we receive from Our God and the Lord Jesus Christ*. After all, without a proper understanding of Grace and Mercy and without the proper understanding of how these were made available to the believer, what kind of a peace do you really, honestly think you might have?

Therefore in the following Scriptures we will hear the Apostle Paul tell Titus and Timothy that *Grace, Mercy and Peace come from God and our the Lord Jesus Christ*.

In **Titus 1:4** Paul says, *To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.*

And to Timothy Paul says in **1 Timothy 1:2** *Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.*

And again Paul addresses Timothy in **2 Timothy 1:2** *To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

But the Apostle Paul was not the only Apostle who taught this. We find the Apostle John saying the same thing in **2 John 1:3** *Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.*

And we also find the Apostle Peter tell us the same thing, and if anyone should know about the Grace of God he should having had to deal with the fact that he denied Jesus Christ 3 times in one night?

But when Peter tells us about Grace that brings Peace he is a little more specific than Paul and John, for he tells us that our Grace and peace are a result of our knowledge of God and of His Son Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:2 *Grace and peace be multiplied unto you* (and how is Grace and Peace multiplied unto you? He tells us it comes) *through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,.*

Now, before we can go any further and tell you how we receive our peace, we must first understand what peace really is.

The American Heritage dictionary describes peace as: 1: *The absence of war or other hostilities.* 2. *An agreement or a treaty to end hostilities.* 3. **Freedom** *from quarrels and disagreement; harmonious relations:*

So peace is a freedom from what? It is a **Freedom** *from quarrels and disagreements; It is a freedom from war or hostilities.*

Now, this is very important for us to know since we are also promised in the scriptures that the end-time will be marked by its perilous times which are hard to deal with and hard to bear because it will be full of quarrels, disagreements, wars and hostilities.

In **Mark 13:3** Jesus said, *And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, 4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled? 5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: 6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. 7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet. 8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows. 9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them. 10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations. 11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost. 12 Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. 13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. 14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: 15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house: 16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment. 17 But woe to them that are with child,*

and to them that give suck in those days! 18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter. 19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. 20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

And we hear Jesus again in **Matthew 24:3** *And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. 6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

So we see here that the end-time according to Jesus will be full of un-harmonious warfare, and constant assault on your peace. Even the Apostle Paul warned us what the end-time will be like as we see in...

2 Timothy 3:1 *This know also, that in the last days **perilous times shall come.*** (that means it will be a time of high risk) *For men shall be lovers of their own selves,* (no longer is it God first country second, but today it is me first everything else a distant second.) **covetous,** (look at wall street, but not only Wall Street our own congress have more felons, and con-men than you can shale a stick at.) **boasters,** (if an athlete did 30 years ago what they do today when they make a touch down or hit a home run, they would be fined or sat down and given time off for bad behavior. But look at the attributes of the person at the end-time, Paul calls them) **proud, blasphemers,** (that means people who are willing to speak hurtful things) **disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors,** (look at the traitors in our government, in our Senate and Congress, and President, if they did what they are doing today, 30 years ago they would have all gone to jail for treason, for selling our nation down the tubes for graft.) **heady,** (yeah, they think they are so smart they can get away with murder) **highminded,** (they think they know more than the rest, and yet we have supreme court justices that are dummer than a box of rocks.) **lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;** (look at the churches and you can see the people come to be entertained, and if the preacher preaches

more than a half hour they throw him out, because they come for the music, they do.) *5 Having a form of godliness, (as brother Branham said, these are not communists, these are so called Christians.) but denying the power thereof: (They deny the power do they? Well, we will have to skip that one, I promised myself I would be a good boy) from such turn away.*

Now I would like to read this from the Amplified Version because the wording is quite direct and plain for the day we live in. **2 Timothy 3: 1** *But understand this, that in the last days will come perilous times of great stress and trouble these will be hard to deal with and hard to bear. (Can I hear an AMEN to that?) 2 For people will be lovers of self and utterly self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate greedy desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous (in your face) boasters. They will be abusively mouthy, scoffing, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, (you can help them out 9 times but the tenth time they ask you and you can't help them, they get mad, ungrateful. Listen I know they are this way and many of them are preachers. You wouldn't believe some of the nasty letters I got from men that I helped build them a home, bought them a motorbike, put clothes on their back and fed their children, and because I ran out of money, they railed on me like I was a devil. Like brother Vayle always said, the ones you help the most are the ones who stab you hardest in the back.) unholy and profane. 3 They are without natural human affection and are very callous, almost un-human, and they are relentless, admitting of no truce or appeasement; slanderers and false accusers, troublemakers, intemperate (that means everything they do is excessive) and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good. 4 They will be treacherous betrayers, rash, and inflated with self-conceit. They will be lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God. 5 For although they hold a form of piety, they will deny and reject and are strangers to the power of the Gospel, and their conduct misrepresents the genuineness of their profession. (in other words, the way they conduct their lives no way lives up to what the profess with their lips Until people run from these people when they say they are a Christian business man. And then the Bible commands us to) **Avoid all such people turn away from them.** 6 For among them are those who worm their way into homes and captivate silly and weak-natured and spiritually dwarfed women, loaded down with the burden of their sins and who are easily swayed and led away by various evil desires and seductive impulses. 7 These weak women will listen to anybody who will teach them; they are forever inquiring and getting information, but are never able to arrive at a recognition and knowledge of the Truth. 8 Now just as a Jannes and Jambres were hostile to and resisted Moses, so these men also are hostile to and oppose the Truth. They have depraved and distorted minds, and are reprobate and counterfeit and to be rejected as far as the faith is concerned. 9 But they will not get very far, for their rash folly will become obvious to everybody, as was that those who opposed Moses. 10 Now you have closely observed and diligently followed my teaching, my conduct, and purpose in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, 11 And you have also witnessed my many*

*Persecutions, and sufferings, such as what occurred to me at Antioch, and at Iconium, and at Lystra. Persecutions which I endured, but **out of them all the Lord delivered me.** 12 Indeed all who delight in piety and are determined to live a devoted and godly life in Christ Jesus will meet with persecution and will be made to suffer because of their stand for the truth. 13 But wicked men and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and leading astray others and being deceived and led astray themselves. 14 But as for you, continue to hold to the things that you have learned and of which you are convinced, knowing from whom you learned them, 15 And how **from your childhood you have had a knowledge of and been acquainted with the sacred Writings, which are able to instruct you and give you the understanding** for salvation which comes through faith in Christ Jesus through the expression of the entire human personality of God which was displayed in Christ Jesus in absolute trust and confidence in His power, His wisdom, and His goodness. 16 **Every Scripture is God-breathed**, it is given by His inspiration and is profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, and for training in righteousness which is holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, in purpose, and in action, 17 So that the man of God may be complete and proficient, well fitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Now, what we just read was a masterpiece of thought and help for our own selves seeing we are dealing with things in this hour which may seem to you to be insanity and you are well within your rights as a believer in this Message to believe that most of what you have to deal with in this hour is indeed due to an insanity among the non believers or make-believers. But I want you to remember, the Apostle Paul went through more than we have because he was an example seed, as was Christ Jesus.

As bad as it gets in this hour, we will not have to suffer crucifixion in the flesh. That is the most painful death a man could suffer. But what Paul lays out for us is a time of mental anguish and suffering. Most notable is the fact that what he lists for us is not harm to the body, but harm to your mind. Like an onslaught of never ending mental abuse, that is how I see the end-time described. Pressure here and pressure there, and if it's not your neighbor, it comes at work, and if not at work then within your family and acquaintances. But the Apostle Paul after listing some of the places where he was abused physically and thrown in prison, he also tells us that the Lord delivered Him out of them all.

Now, does that mean that God actually took him out of every situation? Well, seems to me that he was stoned several times, and whipped several times with 39 stripes, and he had to flee one city in a basket and we know the stories. So what does he mean that the Lord delivered Him out of them all. If you have examined the Apostle Paul's journeys you will find up until his last book written which is 2 Timothy, Paul had been imprisoned many times, yet they didn't seem to hold him forever, so he would be released travel somewhere else, get imprisoned held for a long period, then released, but he kept preaching which kept him a target, but it didn't matter to him, because each time they kept him locked up he wrote another Epistle.

Now, in the book of Romans and back to chapter 8 we see the Apostle Paul begins to lay out how this peace is developed through our relationship with Christ. In verse **2** he says, *“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

Now, what is this law of the spirit of Life in Christ? It is the law of Life where every seed must bring forth after its kind. And what he is telling us here is that by the very nature of this law of Life, (**Genesis 1:11**) and thus if you are born again, the law of life, having received the very life of Christ via the Word seed, then this life will take over your mortal being, and you can expect to live the very life that Christ lived.

Influence 63-0112 P:65 *And if the Life of Christ has been transferred into you by the Holy Spirit, you bear the fruit, you live the life.*

Now if he didn't make that isn't simple I do not know what is. It's just that simple, if you have received the Life of Christ in you, then you will live the life of Christ. What other life are you going to live?

And again from his sermon, **It wasn't so from the beginning 61-0411 P:29** he said, *“You say, “Well, we'll just live loose.” That shows your name isn't on the Book. That's exactly right. That proves that you wasn't when you try to live any kind of life and that you want to live. That's shows you haven't got it. If you're a real Christian, you'll live the real life, because the Life in Christ is in you and you can do nothing else but live the Life of Christ.*

Now, if that isn't plain I do not know what is. That's not legalism speaking, that's common sense. But it seems there isn't too much of that left these days either. If you live the Life of Christ others will know it, and if they don't see that life lived in your, then they don't have to believe your testimony either. Why should they? What evidence do you have that you are what you claim when your own life disproves what you claim to begin with. That's why I get so irritated with the preachers who want to run your life but they can't run their own life the way Christ said we should live it.

In **Investments 63-1116B P:35** Brother Branham said, *“That's no way to get the outsider. (Now, what he is talking about here is the outsider is the person who is not a believer, he's an outsider, and he says if you want to catch that person in the net for Christ the way to do it is to...) Live the Life, and let Christ live in you, that makes him hunger and thirst to be like you. You become salty; he'll get thirsty. The only way you can be salty is let the Life of Christ be in you, for He is that. Salt only saves as it contacts. And you see, so many preachers think when you talk this way that you are a legalist. But those are the words of a vindicated prophet speaking. So it shows how little they really know of what the Message is all about. They say we got the doctrine so we are “in”.*

Well, I'm sorry to break the news to you, but if you really have the doctrine you will have Christ for he is the doctrine, and you can not have Christ unless Christ is living your life for you, then you have Christ. Because the word "have" means to possess, and if you are not possessed by Christ, the Life of Christ, then you are none of His.

That's what the Apostle Paul said in **Romans 8:9** *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

So if you do not have you do not possess it, and if you are not possessed by the Spirit of Christ you don't have the spirit of Christ. Look, this all makes very plain sense to me. We see a person acting like a devil and we say that person is possessed by an evil spirit, or he is possessed by a devil, right? Don't they say, "the devil made me do it" "The devil made me do it."

Well then what if a person acts like Christ? What if he lives the Life of Christ? Isn't that person possessed by Christ's Spirit as well? I hope so, if language has any meaning at all.

Brother Branham said in his sermon, **Adoption or placing 60-0522E P:23** he said, *"The church has got to be so perfectly like Christ, until Christ and the church can unite together, the same Spirit. And if the Spirit of Christ is in you, It makes you live the life of Christ, act the life of Christ, do the works of Christ. "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also." Jesus said that. See? And just because some don't believe that, doesn't do away with the fact Jesus said that.*

So in getting back to what the apostle Paul said in **Romans 8:3** *"For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

Now, what are we reading here and how does it fit with this thought on Grace and Peace coming to us through our Lord Jesus Christ, and His spirit living in us?

Well, notice what Paul says next in verse 5 *For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

Aha!!! There is where our Peace comes from. Not from what you can work yourself into, but what Christ is doing in you while living your life for you. Oh, brothers and sisters, when people want to fuss with you, let them fuss, but just don't enter into it with them. They want to fight, let them fight all they want, just not with you.

Years ago I was working on my basement with br. Brad Shearer. And Br. Brad had just helped my in the basement and we were trying to get a automatic trowel machine out of the basement. If you don't know what that is, it looks like a machine with a big set of airplane propellers that are flat to the surface so you can turn it on and it goes around and around and smoothes the cement.

Well, with those big blades sticking out, we were having a hard time getting it out of the basement without stairs. We had the hole in the floor and no basement stairs yet because you can't put the stairs in until you have concrete floors. So, here I was pulling from the top, and Br. Brad trying to lift from below, and we could not get it over the corner of the hole, because it kept getting stuck on the edge, and he couldn't free up his hands to push the trowels over because he had to hold it up, and I could let go of the rope we were using to pull it up, so I called out to another brother who had just lain down on a pile of drywall to take a nap.

I asked him to come and help, but when he just laid there without responding I yelled again his name and asked him to come and help, I didn't want to drop the heavy machine on Br. Brad's head you know. Well, I turned back to keep my eyes on the machine because it was slipping, and I didn't see what took place.

But when I left a half hour later with br. Vayle's son Don to take him home, as he was one of the dry wall guys I hired, he started to laugh really hard, so I asked him what was so funny, and he told me that when I called out to the brother to help, he got really irritated with me, and wanted to fight with me, and because I was focused on the machine, and didn't see his wanting to fight, he ended up fighting with himself. And he said it was hilarious to watch.

And I learned a great lesson as a young pastor at that time, and that is this, if you don't fight back, then if they want to fight, they will have to fight with their self. Look, if you feel you are being squeezed two other people who want to fight, don't let yourself be manipulated. Create an atmosphere around yourself, and just remember, you are also the one who is responsible for keeping that atmosphere if you want it kept. No one else is going to do it for you. And if anyone wishes to interrupt that atmosphere you don't have to let them in to do it, unless you want them too. Don't meet them on their conditions, meet them on yours. Control your space, control your atmosphere. It's yours to create and yours to maintain. Brother Branham said we are little creators and we create an atmosphere around us because we are little Messiahettes.

From His sermon, **Questions and answers COD 64-0830M P:63** he said, "*We are Messiahettes, but not that Jesus. He is our Father; we're just anointed with His Spirit, and that's the reason His Life... And that gets people. See, if you don't set and think it through, it gets people to believe,*" ...

And again from his sermon **Love 57-0519E P:15** He said, "*Did you ever see a person that's a good person, you think they are nice, but there's just something about the person you just don't like to be around them? Certainly you do. And then, you've seen people that you just love to be around. What is it? It's that creative power that's upon the people that create an atmosphere around where they're at. If they're full of love, not make-belief, but real love, you can feel it. You know that they're Christians. They shake your hand, say, "I'm your friend, John." You can feel it.*"

And again from his sermon **Divine love 57-0305 P:18** he said, “Now, you've got to create an atmosphere, and your faith will do it. They were all in the upper room with one accord, when suddenly there *came from heaven as a sound of a rushing mighty wind; the atmosphere was right. It takes a atmosphere to do anything.* You know, the regular procedure to hatch chickens is to put them under the hen. But get the egg in the right atmosphere, it'll hatch anyhow. Listen, brother, *if a man loves God, and the right kind of an atmosphere he could get into, it'll produce a new born babe just as certain as I am here.* It's the atmosphere that counts. Let this little handful of people setting here tonight, get in the perfect atmosphere, watch what takes place. There will not be a feeble among one in our midst. The cripples will walk; the blind will see; the deaf will hear; the dumb will speak without prayer or anything. It's the atmosphere. That's how twenty-five thousand was healed at one prayer in Africa. When they seen the Lord do something, *it created a atmosphere, and they stepped into it. That's the pool when the waters in running right.*”

And from his sermon, **The Messiah 61-0117 P:23** he said, “Now, that is true. God called Messiahs... *God called us, and we become kings and priests unto God. Like Jesus was God's High Priest, we become a lesser priest. Jesus was... God in Fullness dwelt in Him to shine forth the expression of God to the world, for God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. And as God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, God comes into His church and anoints Him some Messiahettes. Oh, my. Do you see it? The same things He did is in His church. The same power He had is in His church. And His church becomes His dominion, and He's King over this dominion, and we are kings and priests, offering spiritual sacrifices to God, the fruits of our lips giving praise to His Name. Amen. Oh, my. There you are: Messiahettes, Messiahettes, little messiahs, little anointed ones. Anointed off of what? The main One, anointed off of the great One.*”

And also from **The Messiah 61-0117 P:26** he said, Now, that was for Messiah. For Messiahettes, the church, here it comes. Are you ready? **Saint John 14:12**, Jesus said, *"He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also": Messiahettes. That's right. Messiahettes, the representation of Messiah on earth yet...Mark 16*, He said, *"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel. These signs shall follow (the Messiahettes): He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be damned, and these signs shall follow them that believe."* How far? **To all the world. Who to? Every creature.** Oh, I'm so glad. **How are you going to rub that out?** Said, *"It's just only to the disciples."* **To the disciples?** He said, *"To all the world, and to every creature. These signs shall follow them that believe."*

From his sermon, **Divine love 56-0826 P:33** he said, “What did it do? It created an atmosphere. When that bull run right into that atmosphere, **not over ten feet from him, he stopped and threwed his feet out.** He looked like right here so defeated with the most meekest look on his face, and turned around, and walked the other way...?... And I passed within five feet. What is it? **When Divine love is projected, sovereign grace takes over at**

that time. That was the same God that could stop the lions from coming to Daniel, when they come with the, and old Daniel standing there wrapped in the robe of love. The lion's run over and laid down. It was peaceful. I tell you, my brother, when God can wrap you in Divine love, there's peace in the valley for you then. There is..."

And in closing from his sermon, **Mary's belief 59-0409 P:9** he said, "And you know, it's usually when we're thinking about God and keeping our minds on God, that God comes close to us. I think that's one of the great troubles of the people of this day. We have too many other things on our mind."

So if you wish to create the right atmosphere for peace, and to maintain that peace, just remember what the Apostle Paul said in **Romans 8:7** *Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.* Is not that what Paul said earlier on. Christ delivered me out of them all? All your put downs and all your sufferings, are nothing compared to the Glory that shall be revealed IN us. Yes, IN us. Not some day, now.

Now in closing let me say this. I've shown you today by the Word of God how to create a wonderful atmosphere around you that you can maintain. It all depends on you, not on others around you. If you want to get caught up into someone else's fuss, go ahead but you're the one who will pay the price. You reap what you sow. If you want the peace of God which passes all understanding to rule in your life, then can create it by the things you think about. Keep focused on His peace and walk in His Peace.

Colossians 3:15 *And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, ...*

Philippians 4:7 *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

John 14:27 *Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

From his sermon, **It wasn't so from the beginning 60-1127M P:8** Brother Branham said, *Did you ever meet people that you just loved to be with? You've had that, and why, they create that atmosphere by their life, the way they live, and the things they think about, and the love they have for you. You've heard my message on the--the opossum, you know, and on the bees trying to sting me, the bull trying to kill me, animals... See? You create an atmosphere, and that's the atmosphere you have to be in to pray for the sick. See? It's the same thing. It's love that casts out evil spirits.*

How can I overcome 63-0825M P:27 *And then, now you take a Christian that's supposed to be a Christian, let the Life of God go from him and the experience the joy of serving Christ, and living in the church where such is going on, he rots twice as quick (See? Right.), living right under it. So if we are trying to follow the Message of the hour, or at least this part of the Message, we should live constantly in the Life of Christ. See? 'Cause if it don't, you lay around, and know that these things that you're supposed to do and don't do it, the Bible said, "He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it's sin." And he becomes dotie, rotten when you're separated from the Life of God. So strive with all that's in you to stay in the Life of Christ, that you'd be fruit-bearing.*

And don't avoid the trial when they come, face them head on, but create that atmosphere around you and watch how small those trials become. From his sermon, **Time tested memorials of God 57-0818 P:46** Br. Branham said, *Long years ago before they had the smelters, they used to take the gold, ... and beat it, and turned it, and beat it, and turned it until the beater sees his reflection in the gold. That's the way God does His church. He gives you trial after trial, test after test, trial after trial, test after test, until the life of Christ is reflected in your life, until you become peaceful, (that's full of peace) sober, meek, gentle, humble, ready, submissive, willing, turn your head from the things of the world and looking straight to Calvary to the One Who's doing the beating. Many times you think it's strange because fiery trials, and sickness, and persecutions; it's only done to test you, to get the dirt out of you, to get the sludge out of you, to get the slowness out of you, to wake you up to the place where you can look and see the reflection, or men can see the reflection of Christ in you: Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

God's provided way 59-0415A P:41 *When you wear the robe of Christ, you should have the Spirit of Christ in you. And the Spirit of Christ will act like Christ. It will do the works of Christ. It will be gentle, long-suffering, goodness, mercy, meekness, patience, with the Holy Spirit. Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, that's the Spirit of God that comes when you're robed with His righteousness. His Spirit lives within you.*

Where I think Pentecost failed 55-1111 P:44 *And If I've told you the Spirit of Christ was in me, I have to do the works of Christ. And if you profess to be a Christian, depart from sin and selfishness and tempers, and live like Christ did, a peaceful, humble, God-blessed life. Amen. That's right.*