

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Deb Barnum | Bangladesh



PRAISE

- Deb is enjoying her time on furlough. It had been 2 1/2 years since she had left Bangladesh.
 - During this time in the states, she has enjoyed visiting churches including Capital!
- Praise God for his provision in providing financially and through situations to allow Deb and others to get their exit visas with a lessened fine.
- Pray for Deb's transition from NGO to ABWE. This changes allows some small changes but many more open doors in teaching and reaching the Bangladesh people.

PRAY

- Pray for Bangladesh's election and for a free and fair election.
- Pray for the a new endeavor as Deb is writing some little 20 page Christian books for children. Deb has about 14 books completed but it still in need of an illustrator. Pray that she finds the right person for the job.

ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING

Handout: 11/24/24

Study Date: 12/01/24

God's Peace, Your Peace

Paul offers four ways in which he had offered teachings for his readers to follow. First, he referred to following the teachings he had given them in the past, prior to the writing of this letter. These are most likely the thoughts and ideas Paul himself had developed during his ministry.

Second, they are to follow what they had "received" from him. This probably also refers to Paul's teachings, with an emphasis on oral lessons and personal interaction. It is also likely a reference to ideas Paul had received from the Lord and perhaps the apostles (1 Corinthians 15:1–5), and in turn given to others.

Third, they are to follow what they had heard from Paul. Again, this likely included both his written and oral teachings. These would all have been considered equally authoritative.

Fourth, they are to follow what they had seen in Paul. Paul's example served as a living teaching tool to the Philippian believers. Previously, Paul had specifically asked his readers to mimic his approach (Philippians 3:17).

As usual, Paul's instructions are not merely meant to be known, or agreed to. They are meant to be put into action. The use of the Greek word *prassete* implies an ongoing, daily effort. This is not a one-time attempt or short-term effort to follow God. Those who followed Paul's advice can experience the incredible peace that comes from fellowship with God. Paul also uses the title "God of peace" in Romans 15:33; 16:20, and 1 Thessalonians 5:23. The only other place this phrase is found in the New Testament is Hebrews 13:20.

Resource: Bibleref.com

KEY VERSE

Philippians 4:9 (NKJV)

“The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.”

Read Philippians 4:4-9 Every Day!

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Philippians 4:9

Introduction

1. Looking at our key verse Philippians 4:9, what does this scripture make abundantly clear in terms of what our God “desires” for us in our lives?
2. In our article on pg. 1 we see Paul offering his “teachings” to his readers. What does paragraph 5 state about how we are to apply them in daily life?

Tuesday: Phl. 4:7; Romans 5:1; Eph. 2:14-18; John 14:27

Peace Comes When You Put Your Faith In The Lord

3. What does Romans 5:1 communicate to us as believers? Through what “action” or “practice” do we gain “*peace with God through our Lord*”?
4. In Ephesians 2:14 it states that Christ has “*broken down the middle wall of separation.*” Why should we “rejoice” in this and the 4 verses that follow?

Wednesday: John 17:23; Rom. 15:33; Rom. 16:20; Phl. 4:9c

Peace Comes From Knowing The Father

5. What great appeal did our Lord Jesus make on our behalf to the Father in John 17:23? What glorious connection did we gain from it?
6. From your interpretation, what is the common thread of Paul’s prayers in Rom. 15:33; Rom. 16:20; Phl. 4:9 and I Thess. 5:23a? What was his intent?

Thursday: Romans 8:1; Romans 8:6; II Peter 1:2-4

Peace Comes From Obedience To God’s Word

7. Romans 8:1 calls each and every one of us as believers to “*walk according to the Spirit.*” What is the first “resource” we should go to, to achieve that?
8. What is Romans 8:6 warning us of as followers of Christ? What does it mean to be “*carnally minded*”?
9. We gain knowledge of our God through studying His Word. What according to II Peter 1:2-4 do we have to gain through the “*knowledge of God*”?

Friday: John 14:1-3; Titus 2:13

Peace Comes From Knowing Jesus Is Coming Again

10. What does Jesus convey to us as his followers in John 14:1? Do we need to worry about the future?
11. What does John 14 go on to tell us about what awaits us in God’s eternal Kingdom of Heaven? What glorious promises are made in verses 2-3?
12. Titus 2:13 tells of arguably our most anticipated event in the history of all God’s creation! Who will be coming “again” for us?