

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

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Text(s): Philippians 4: 2-9

Sermon Title: God's Peace

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(The sermon recording is available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

Philippians 4: 2-9 (ESV)

2 I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. 3 Yes, I ask you also, true companion, [a] help these women, who have labored [b] side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness[c] be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned [d] and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate to what was shared and on key themes in the sermon)

- 1. Paul talks about how the church needs to work together in Christian unity and stand firm in the faith. There is a need to pursue peace which comes only from the Lord and be good witnesses. Paul used the Greek word *epieikes* which means reasonableness which can mean gentleness, kindness or being fair to another person. Do you think we in PMC are like this?**
- 2. Verse 7 talks about the peace of God. What is the difference between the world's definition of peace and what God's definition is. Refer to the Global Peace Index which can only measure what we can see with our eyes. Compare that with Acts 12:20, Ps 119:165; John 14:27, Romans 15:13 and Phil 4:7.**

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect and apply God's word to our daily lives)

1. **The Hebrew word Shalom (peace) is given to us by God so we can enjoy a complete wholesome relationship with God. What does this peace enable us to do?**

2. **How can we get such a peace from God? Referring to the powerpoint: *to know Christ, *Know that Christ is coming back, *Communicate with God in prayer and thanksgiving. Share practically how you can do this in your own personal way.**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See **MyPMC > PRAY** for the monthly guide)

- Is there anything in your life you are concerned or anxious about right now? Is there anyone in your life whom you know who is anxious about something? Ask God to help you in this situation. Pray for yourself and the person you know and ask God for help you to trust Him. Ask God in trust and thank Him for hearing your prayer.

- Continue to meditate on the scripture that describe the peace of God and continually fill your minds with the joy of the Lord, his purposes for us, and that He will use us to be the channel of peace to our church and our community.

- Pray for those serving in ministry or in secular workplaces that they will continue to seek peace in difficult situations and continue to ask the Lord for wisdom and patience without losing hope.