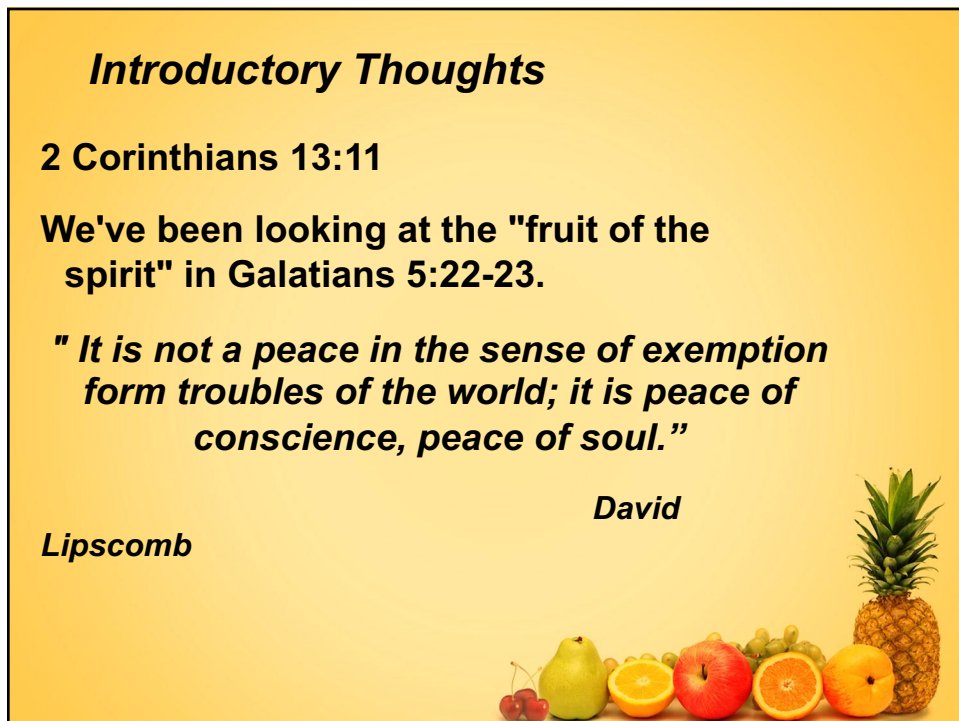




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Introductory Thoughts

Perfect Peace

***I look not back - God knows the fruitless efforts,
The wasted hours, the sinning and regrets;
I leave them all with Him that blots the record,
And graciously forgives, and then forgets.***

***I look not forward - God sees all the future,
The road that's short or long, will lead me home;
And He will face with me its every trial,
And bear for me the burden that may come.***



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Introductory Thoughts

Perfect Peace

***I look not around me - then would fears assail me,
So wild the tumult of life's relentless sea;
So dark the world, so filled with war and evil,
So vain the hope of comfort and ease.***

***I look not inward - that would make me wretched,
For I have naught on which to stay my trust;
Nothing I see but failures and shortcomings,
And weak endeavors crumbling into dust.***



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Introductory Thoughts

Perfect Peace

***But I look up - up into the face of Jesus!
For there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled;
And there is joy, and love and light for darkness,
And perfect peace, and every hope fulfilled.***



5

Peace with God

Romans 5:1

***Our sin separates us from God. – Isaiah 59:1-2
Faith and obedience to Christ brings us back to
God.
As a result we have peace and are in harmony with
God.***

Ephesians 2:14

**The word "peace" is found in every book of
the New Testament except 1 John.**



6

Peace with God

Suppose your dad and mamma would quarrel, what would you do?

“I would not side with either, I would stay in the middle and try to stop their fighting.”

In much the same way Jesus bring peace for us, as our mediator standing between us and God.



7

Peace of Mind

Too many people you know don't go through one day with a peace of mind.

Our peace of mind comes from having peace with God.

It is a peace of mind that leads to a changed life. – Philippians 4:6-7

It is a peace of mind that secures peace in our families. – 1 Corinthians 7:12-16



8

Peace of Mind

It is a peace of mind that produces peace between the races. – Ephesians 2:14-17

It is a peace of mind that will cause peace in the church. – Ephesians 4:3

And it is a peace of mind that causes us to have peace with all men.

Peace with God = Peace of Mind



9

Something to Strive For

Why should you be a Christian today?

Why should you remain faithful?

Why follow him faithfully, no matter what the cost?

Because we seek a peace that the world cannot begin to comprehend.

1 Peter 3:11

Romans 12:18

God Is Often Referred to as the "God of Peace"



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Concluding Thoughts

Paul, in Galatians 5:22, tells us to have love, joy and peace.

We can strive for peace and still not find it with our fellow man, but if we want peace with God it is available to us.

True peace comes only through an obedient faith in Christ Jesus.

