



A MINISTRY OF HEARTSWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEK FIVE | PEACE THAT PASSES UNDERSTANDING

FRIDAY

Let Peace Rule

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE (KJV)

Colossians 3:15

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."

KEY TRUTH

God's peace should govern our responses, relationships, and decisions.

GOOD MORNING!

The word rule carries the idea of an umpire making a decision. Paul tells believers to allow God's peace to govern what happens within the heart.

When emotions compete for control, peace asks whether our response reflects Christ. When relationships become strained, peace calls us away from pride and toward grace, truth, forgiveness, and unity.

Peace is not permission to avoid difficult conversations. Sometimes the peaceful path requires honest words, wise boundaries, or humble correction. Yet even firmness can be governed by the character of Jesus.

Before reacting today, pause and let God's peace make the call. Add thanksgiving, as Paul instructs. A grateful heart becomes less vulnerable to anger, suspicion, and unnecessary conflict.

TAKE FIVE CHALLENGE

Take five intentional minutes today.

- 1 **Read Colossians 3:12-15.**
- 2 **Pause before one important response.**
- 3 **Ask whether your words reflect Christ's peace.**
- 4 **Spend five minutes thanking God deliberately.**
- 5 **Take one step toward healthy reconciliation.**

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY



"Take My Life, and Let It Be"
- Frances R. Havergal

"Take my heart, it is Thine own."

A surrendered heart allows Christ to govern its words, reactions, relationships, and choices.

SHARE THE BLESSING

Bring peace into one strained relationship through a gracious word, a sincere apology, or patient listening.

PRAYER

Prince of Peace, rule within my heart today. Govern my words, reactions, relationships, and decisions. Give me courage for honest conversation, humility to apologize, and grace to forgive. Make thanksgiving stronger than irritation and Christlike peace stronger than pride. Amen.

PASTOR MIKE'S THOUGHT

When God's peace rules the heart, even difficult truth can be spoken with the spirit of Christ.

THE GOSPEL IN ONE VERSE

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16 (KJV)

TOMORROW'S TAKE FIVE

**Week Five | Saturday | Seek Peace and Pursue It |
Psalm 34:14 (KJV)**

Walking with you in Christ,

Pastor Mike

Doing God's work, God's way, in Jesus' name!