

IS THE GOD OF PEACE WITH YOU?  
PHIL. 4:8-9

Introduction:

- A. Paul has written to these people about the "peace of God," that surpasses understanding.
  - 1. It is not a gift from God, it is earned!
  - 2. Paul enumerates the necessities.
    - a. v4-6, (this is only the beginning).
  
- B. As Paul continues his letter he writes of the presence of the "God of Peace."
  - 1. We know that God is always present.
  - 2. We may not feel His presence unless we are "walking together in agreement."
  - 3. He may be, "God of punishment," "God, a consuming fire."

I. IN CONCLUSION, THINK ON THESE THINGS. V8  
"EIGHT THINGS TO THINK ABOUT."

- A. "Finally, brethren, think on these things."
  - 1. "whatsoever things are true."
    - a. true = unconcealed, open, manifest, reality, things as they really are.
    - b. Do not give your mind to day-dreaming.
  
  - 2. "whatsoever things are honest."
    - a. honest = grave, dignified.
    - b. "whatever is worthy of reverence."
  
  - 3. "whatsoever things are just."
    - a. just = a right state, so that no fault or defect can be changed."
    - b. Think of the things without flaw, do not pick out flaws to think about!



4. "whatsoever things are pure."
  - a. pure = chaste, clean, pure from defilement.
  - b. Don't dwell on the impure things of life.
  
5. "whatsoever things are lovely."
  - a. lovely = dear to anyone. Endearment.
  - b. Think on things that are important to people.
  
6. "whatsoever things are of good report."
  - a. report = well-spoken.
  - b. Things that sound good, good import, wholesome.
  
7. "if there be any virtue."
  - a. virtue = superiority in every respect.
  - b. Whatsoever is above the normal.
  
8. "if there be any praise."
  - a. praise = discourse, narration.
  - b. [            ] applause, commendation.
  - c. "If there are things to be honored."
  
9. "think on these things."
  - a. think = to reason, use the reason, to conclude, draw conclusions.

## II. IN CONCLUSION, DO THESE THINGS. V9

- A. "Do those things ye have learned."
  1. learned = to learn intellectually from others.
  2. Why should we learn God's will? To do it!
  
- B. "Do those things ye have received."
  1. received = to take near or to one's self, to receive what is delivered over.
  2. To appropriate an action, activity, and to use it in your life.

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C. "those things which ye have heard."

1. heard = to learn by hearing.
2. Hearing is a scriptural way of learning.

D. "those things ye see in me."

1. see = not the mere act of seeing, but the actual perception of the object.
2. The things you perceive, the "why" of my life.

E. "do"

1. "Put these things into practice."
2. This is an imperative.

III. "AND THE GOD OF PEACE SHALL BE WITH YOU."

A. We know God is ever present, but He is not always there as the "God of peace."

1. Sometimes He is the chastising God.
2. Sometimes He is the avenging God.

B. Is the God of peace with you?

1. Is He near to Bless and Honor?
2. Is He near to Warn, and to Chastise?
3. Father would come near to touch in love or to correct.