

Theme for 2019

‘The God of Another Year, is a God of Wonderful and Amazing Grace. He is the God of Forgiveness and He is the God of Beginning Again.’

365 DAYS OF POSSIBILITIES!

“O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.”

Psalm 51:15 (ESV); Lamentations 3:22-23 (NKJV); Psalm 9:1-2 (NKJV)



This Week’s Thought – January 27, 2019

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27
(NIV)

365 DAYS OF POSSIBILITIES—The night before His appointment with insults, torture and death, Jesus is full of peace. As He faced death's door—He generously gave to His disciples what they would need, before they even knew what they needed—peace. Not the temporary peace of this world, but the permanent peace of the Prince of Peace. Christ's peace is His gift, peace for all who receive Him. Christ calms calamity and clears confusion.

Three Benefits of Christ's Permanent Peace:

Peace With The Past— Jesus gives us the ability to make peace with the past. Past sins. Past mistakes. Past guilt. All are covered by the grace and love of God. No more shame for walking away in anger and fear. No more guilt for wishing you could have done more or should have done less. The past may try to disrupt your dreams with hurtful memories, but you can be freed by faith in the peace of Jesus. Accept His forgiveness for hurting others and extend His

forgiveness to those who hurt you. Peace from the past is a present from your Savior—the fruit of God’s amazing grace—peace.

Peace For Today—The world has run amuck—wars, rumors of wars, incurable diseases, poverty, starvation, crimes, dictators and of course... the longest government shutdown in American History, affecting an estimated 800,000 federal workers who have been furloughed or who have been deemed essential and are working without pay. Ripped apart by power, greed and lust, the lost world can only throw a bone of peace, to be quickly gnawed to pieces by a society sucked dry of peace. But God gives a permanent, abundant peace in His son Jesus and unlimited comfort in His Holy Spirit. Live in the moment and you can access the peace of God in your momentary afflictions.

Peace In The Future—Fear stalks us into the future, so we soon cease to fear God and are obsessed by “what if’s”. “What if I run out of money?” “What if I am alone?” “What if I suffer an extended illness?” “What if I die?” Similarly, our Lord faced a future full of suffering, but never lost faith in His Heavenly Father’s will for His life. Your life is in the Hands of our Savior. He gives you wisdom to plan well, grace to cover what you forget and trust in Him for a peaceful tomorrow. God’s grace will get you to where you need to go, with the fuel of peace filling your heart. Receive Christ’s peace as an ongoing gift—thank Him, praise Him, love Him. He is your permanent peace.

On today, may the blessing of peace rest upon you... the blessing of joy abide within you... the blessing of success and favor surround you... the blessing of love flow out through you. May all the Blessings of the Lord be yours in abundance as you ‘Encounter the Possibilities’ this day will bring!!

Application: "Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don’t forget to thank him for his answers. If you do this, you will experience God’s peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7, TLB).

Words from the Master during your time of reflection this week: “I am taking care of you. Trust Me at all times. Trust Me in all circumstances. Trust Me with all your heart. When you are weary and everything seems to be going wrong, you can still utter these four words: ‘I trust You, Jesus!’ By doing so, you release matters into My control, and you fall back into security of My everlasting arms. Every day provides many opportunities for you to learn My ways and grow closer to Me. Search for Me as for hidden treasure. I will be found by you.” (Proverbs 3:5; Deuteronomy 33:37; Jeremiah 29:13-14)

“And then God answered: “Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what’s coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn’t lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It’s on its way. It will come right on time.” Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

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