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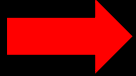
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# What Is the “Peace of Christ”?

- John 14:27 { 1. It involves having a heart that is not troubled or fearful
- John 14:27 { 2. It is something that Christ gives to us
- John 16:33 { 3. It is in contrast to the world, in which we have tribulation
- Rom 5:1 { 4. It involves being at peace with God through Christ
- Gal 5:22 { 5. It is a fruit of the Spirit
- Eph 4:1-4 { 6. It is a bond that we share with other believers
- Phil 4:7 { 7. It holds our minds on Christ, as opposed to being anxious
- Phil 4:7 { 8. It is supernatural

**Definition: Supernatural, settled assurance that we are in the sovereign God’s loving care**

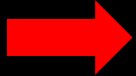
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# Word of Christ (v. 16)

- What is meant by the “word of Christ”?
- Should dwell (live) with us richly
- Teaching and admonishing one another
- Commanded to *sing* the word of Christ

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# Do Everything in the Name of Christ (v. 17)

- Both words and actions
- What does it mean to speak or act in the name of Jesus?
  - Identification with him (1 Cor 6:11, Acts 2:38, 1 John 3:23)
  - Operating by Jesus authority or on his behalf (Acts 3:6, Acts 16:17-18, 2 Thess 3:6)

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...and **be thankful**
1. (v. 16) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly  
...singing...**with thankfulness in your hearts** toward God
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**giving thanks** to God the Father through him.

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- C. Knowing Christ is the focus