

August 18

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that God is a fountain of the grace and peace? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one who is designed to experience His peace? Am I harboring a grudge or bitterness toward someone? Is there bitterness in my life that is short circuiting my relationships with others and hindering my walk in following Christ?

1 **God is the source of peace** — *Galatians 1:3* *Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ....*

According to the verse what things come from God?

What illustrations of God's peace and favor can I praise Him for?

2 **I am granted peace in the Son** — *John 16:33* *These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

What thoughts do I have that indicate I believe God is hostile toward me?

Why does the devil want me to think that I can earn God's favor and peace?

3 **I am to seek to be at peace with others (just as people in the past sought) and be reconciled before coming into God's presence** — *Matthew 5:23* *Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; 24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.*

What impact can I expect that unforgiveness has upon my prayer life?

Against whom do I have unresolved resentments? List all of them.

Spirit of Truth, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: 1 Corinthians 1

Evening: Psalms 100, 101, 102