

The Five Boys: 2. Pacification

'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



We continue our series based on Fry's Five Boys with the second being 'Pacification' and recall from last week that the sequence could be interpreted as a progression from seeking to receiving Christ as Saviour.

Pacification is the act, process or policy of achieving peace. In the Bible peace refers to that state of harmony and calm between different factions. It may refer to peace between men or often to between God and man.



Peace between God and man is achieved through God taking the initiative and allowing his Son Jesus Christ to die for us. As Isaiah states the punishment Jesus suffered brings us peace. God working in us by his Spirit then is able to bring peace within us.

As hope is set before us and peace begins to be furnished within us, our distress begins to vanish, our anxieties are set to rest and relief is brought to where we are hurting, We find we start to be stilled by the sense of purpose given us in Christ instead of the striving we are so accustomed to in the world. In considering this we also note that as the Gospel is preached there is a sense of peace among those who realise that this is what they have been seeking so desperately. This is one of the reasons that it is referred to in Ephesians chapter six as the Gospel of Peace.

Let us submit ourselves to the Spirit of God to dispel our anxiety, hurting and strife and replace it with that fruit of the Spirit which is peace. Let us receive the gift which Jesus gives as stated in the verse above, PEACE. So that our hearts and minds are no longer troubled and we are no longer afraid.

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