

The Vision—July 2020 Newsletter

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In Need of Peace

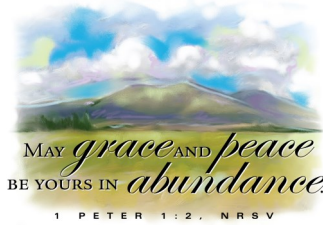
By Jen Price

In these times of tension and unease, as we watch the news and hear of loss of life and damage to places across this country of ours, we crave safety and hunger for peace. We long for rest from the anger and violence. There is a promise from God in His Word which states: "I will grant peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid." We think to ourselves, "that's the ticket, that's what we long for, how do we come about that kind of peace, security, safety and trust?"

This promise of peace was made by God to His people the Israelites in Leviticus 26:6 when He stated many rewards He would grant them as they were obedient to the Lord their God. Here are a few promises:

- >Rain in its season
- >Ground will yield crops
- >Trees produce fruit
- >Productive harvest
- >All the food you want
- >Peace
- >Removal of threats
- >He would look on them with favor
- >He will walk among them
- >He would be the Lord their God (Lev. 26:4-13)

These were the results or rewards for being obedient. There is a twelve word phrase that proceeds this long list of rewards that sets the stage for lavishness: "If you follow my (God's) decrees and are careful to obey my commands" (Lev. 26:3). IF you follow, IF you obey, THEN there is the joy of being untied with God in fellowship.



Our obedience ushers us into the gracious generosity of God. As we desire to follow and obey we grow closer to Him in every way and learn to dwell in His presence. The peace we long for is not the absence of problems or troubles, it is the presence of God. When we fellowship, spend time with God, we relish and cherish the gifts He pours out into our lives.

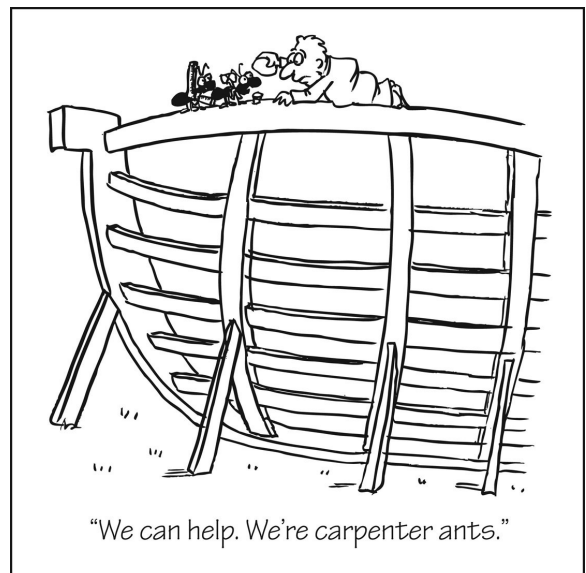
1 John 5:3-4 tells us, "This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God." Obeying and following God's commands are not oppressive, on the contrary they are wrapped up in love. Jesus said. "Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too love him and show myself to him" (John 4:21). God's commands are not a burden to us, they are a gift to keep us from harming ourselves and others and we have the freedom to walk with Jesus as we believe in Him and His forgiveness granted to us on the cross.

When you read the news or watch the reports on TV and you yearn for peace, security and rest, look to Jesus. Seek Him, follow Him, hunger and thirst for His righteousness, walk in obedience and the lyrics of this hymn will resonate in truth: "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace." (Helen H. Lemmel © Words: Public Domain)



2 Sally Houck	17 Rose Clem
2 Franklin Lindal	17 Lillie Quick
3 Mike Debolt	17 Dani Bean
4 Matt Rice	21 Rebecca McPheters
5 Joe Ungericht	23 Delaney Bean
6 Nikki Higgins	23 Merv Wilson
10 Lori Smith	25 Rhonda Reed
12 Diana Hupp	26 Laney Higgins
12 Olivia Debolt	28 Traci Laslo
16 Roy Shields	

If we do not have your birthday please contact the church office!



July Serving Schedule—Children’s Church

- 05: Traci Laslo, Karen Hamilton, Linda King, Jen Hupp & Andy Bean
 12: Traci Laslo, Susan Grube, Betsy Bringardner, Cameo & Keith Quick
 18: Traci Laslo, Tara & Josh Vincken, Gabi, Lori & Dave Smith
 26: Dan Conway, Kelly Hewett, Brittany Mabbitt, Taylor McPheters, Kathy & Karl Barkschat



July Serving Schedule

- Scripture Readers: Communion Meditation:
 05: Joy Dunno 05: Jack Debolt
 12: Betsy Bringardner 12: Karl Barkschat
 18: Emma Garee 18: Roy Shields
 26: Liz Edwards 26: Randy Nauman

Thank you!



July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Noon— CrotonKids Picnic Church Property	2	3	4 
5	6 High School CIY Move at Round Lake thru July 9	7	8 7pm-8pm CrotonKids Ice Cream Social Church Property	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 7pm-9pm CrotonKids Family Movie Night	18
19	20 10am -4:30pm Youth Group Service Project	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

- Every Saturday: 6:30pm Outdoor Church Service, church’s property
- Every Sunday: 10am Church Service at the building
- Every Sunday: 10am Service on Facebook Live
- Every Monday: 10am Food Pantry

