CHRISTIAN-ESE DEFINING THE INSIDER LANGUAGE OF OUR FAITH

Part 6: Peace Be With You

What is Christianese?

Christianese is the insider language of the Christian faith. We use words and phrases that mean certain things to us but don't make sense to people outside our faith.

What is Peace?

The world's definition: "A state of tranquility or quiet; lack of war; harmony in personal relations."

Biblical definition: Shalom – "to be complete and sound; has mostly to do with man's relationship with God."

John 20:19-21

"Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again, Jesus said 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' And with that He breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

How do we live in Peace?

1. First, we must know what it's NOT.

Peace is NOT simply a quiet atmosphere or the absence of trouble or problems.

John 14:27

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives do I give you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 16:33

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Philippians 4:7

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

How do we live in Peace?

2. Be intentional in keeping it.

Psalm 34:14

"Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it."

(NLT - search for peace and work to maintain it.)

How do we live in Peace?

3. Stay connected to the source

Isaiah 26:3

"You will keep in perfect peace all who trust you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you."





Are you living in peace?