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# Words of Truth

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## God Is Not The Source Of Confusion

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In this study we are going to consider the subject matter of confusion. By this term, what we will be discussing is: “instability, i.e. disorder: — commotion, confusion, tumult; instability, a state of disorder, disturbance, confusion” (Strong’s #181). Throughout the Scriptures, we can see that man is the source of confusion. The practice of homosexuality and bestiality is an example of confusion (Leviticus 18:22-23; cf. Romans 1:18-32). A man having sexual intercourse with his daughter in-law is confusion (Leviticus 20:12). Trusting in man is a source of confusion (Isaiah 30:1-3). Idolatry is confusion (Isaiah 41:21-29). In short, you can see that sin of all sorts is the cause of some kind of confusion (Jeremiah 3:25).

If we are desirous of avoiding confusion, we have to keep ourselves from the foolishness of this world and this world’s wisdom. Consider this: *“Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace. From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God”* (James 3:13-4:4).

If our lives include instability, disorder, disturbance, etc.; whose fault is it? When we find ourselves in such states of disorder, it is because of what we have involved ourselves with. In a context dealing with adultery (Proverbs 6:20-35), the Lord asked: *“Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned”* (Proverbs 6:27)? If we dip our feet in worldliness, we are not going to walk away without consequences spiritually and physically. Our lives will be disturbed. Our walk with our Lord will be confused. The peace that we have through walking faithfully with our Lord (Colossians 3:1-17), will be damaged. Then we will seek to figure out what went wrong. We will ask ourselves why things are not in order. We have to realize that when confusion is in our lives it is NOT the Lord’s doing.

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## God Is Our Source Of Peace, Not Our Source Of Confusion

In a context dealing with the cessation of spiritual gifts and the improper usages of those spiritual gifts in Corinth (I Corinthians 12:3-14:40), our Lord said this through Paul: *“For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints”* (I Corinthians 14:33). To further make the point, when you are not at peace, consider these Scriptures: *“There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked... There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked... Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace”* (Isaiah 48:22, Isaiah 57:21, and Isaiah 59:7-8).

If my life or your life is not spiritually peaceful, the blame is not on God. The blame is not on other people either. The blame is upon one’s self. Peace is attainable. The fact is, God expects us as His children to be at peace (II Corinthians 13:11, II Peter 3:10-14). Even at times of physical distress, chaos, persecution, etc.; Christians can be at peace (I Peter 3:8-18). So, when we find ourselves in a state of confusion rather than peace, how do we fix it?

### Getting That Peace Back

If we [disciples of Christ] have erred, the first thing to do is always to confess those faults to God, repent, and bring forth fruit worthy of repentance (Proverbs 28:13, Luke 13:1-5, Acts 26:18-20, II Corinthians 7:9-10, and I John 1:7-2:6). During and after the process of repentance, we have to go to our source of peace. While God is that source, the avenue by which we obtain the peace found in God is through His word. Consider the following: *“Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them... My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee”* (Psalms 119:165 and Proverbs 3:1-2).

After opening the book and learning or relearning, we have to change our thinking. Conflict, as proven in this study already, is a result of pleasing the flesh. You have to get back to spiritual thinking to have real peace (Isaiah 26:3 and Romans 8:4-8). As Jesus told His disciples, this peace is something the world cannot offer you (John 14:27). Look to the Lord, through His word, and change your thinking (Isaiah 55:6-9).

### Conclusion

The peace you can obtain from God is something that cannot be, isn’t able to be, described (Philippians 4:6-8). That is awesome! Jesus is our peace (Romans 5:1 and Ephesians 2:1-17). Therefore, what [who] do you think is missing in your life if you are not at peace? If you aren’t at peace, get out of the world and return to our Savior (John 16:33).