

John 14:27-31

John 14:27 *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."*

A. Jesus is the Prince of Peace (**Isaiah 9:6**).

1. Jesus left them with a spiritual peace rather than a worldly peace (**Romans 8:6, Philippians 4:7, and Colossians 3:15**).

2. In fact, this world does not offer peace to the faithful (**John 16:33**; cf. **John 15:18-20**).

3. Jesus is our source of peace (**Acts 10:36, Romans 5:1, and Ephesians 2:12-17**).

B. Jesus did not want the disciples to be troubled (**John 14:1**).

1. He tried to help them to not be afraid (**Psalms 56:4, Luke 12:4-5, and Revelation 2:10**).

2. Jesus will see to it that the disciples have the help they need (**Psalms 118:6, Romans 8:28-39, and Hebrews 13:5-6**).

3. Carnal fear is not part of a disciple's mindset (**II Timothy 1:7**).

John 14:28-29 *"(28) Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. (29) And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe."*

A. Going away and coming back again to them (**John 14:3 and John 16:16**) has many possible meanings:

1. His resurrection after His death (**Mark 8:31 and Luke 24:1-8**; cf. **Acts 1:1-3**).

2. The coming of the Holy Spirit (**John 14:16-18 and John 15:7; 13-14**).

3. His return at the end of this world (**I Thessalonians 4:13-18 and II Peter 3:9-10**).

4. He could even be referring to His omnipresence as deity (**Matthew 28:20**).

5. This could also be a reference to His fellowship with the faithful (**John 14:23, I John 1:3-7, and II John 9**).

B. If they loved Jesus they'd rejoice over these things (**Luke 24:44-53**).

1. He's telling them some of these things for evidence of who He is (**John 13:18-19**).

2. Prophecies provide assurance to believers (**I Corinthians 14:22**).

3. We have these things written so that we can know as well (**John 20:30-31**).

John 14:30-31 *"(30) Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. (31) But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence."*

A. Jesus is nearly done talking, for His death is at hand (**John 12:23 and John 13:31-32**).

1. Even if He talked more, there's not much more they could bear (**John 16:12**).
 2. Remember though, through the Holy Spirit, they'll be reminded of all that He has said (**John 14:26**).
- B. Jesus was continuing His obedience to the Father (**John 4:34, John 12:27, Philippians 2:8**, and **Hebrews 5:8-9**).
1. The prince of this world (**John 12:31, John 16:11, II Corinthians 4:3-4**, and **Ephesians 2:2**) was coming.
 - a. It was not that Satan was just now making his mark on the world (**Job 1-2, Matthew 4:1-11, II Corinthians 11:3**, etc.).
 - b. The time was coming though when darkness would be accomplished through men (**Luke 22:53**).
 2. Though the prince of this world was coming, the obedience of Christ to the Father left Satan without charge against Christ (**Hebrews 4:14-16, Hebrews 7:22-27, Hebrews 9:28, I Peter 1:18-19**, and **I Peter 2:21-22**).