

## **JESUS WAS ALWAYS AT PEACE EVEN AMID CONFLICT**

### **John 8:21-30**

**Introduction:** Just about everyone takes medication for one reason or the other and many take medication to help "calm" them down, to keep from becoming overly stressed or to prevent stomach disorders, ulcers, etc. When difficult situations arise, not everybody can handle them easily for most people become very upset and some get angry, some resentful, some revengeful but very few let things just "pass" over without showing any signs of being overly concerned. Jesus seemed to always be at peace with Himself no matter what the situation. How did Jesus maintain such a peaceful attitude?

### **I. JESUS KNEW WHERE HE STOOD WITH GOD**

1. Jesus never tried to do things on His own and He constantly told those around Him that He had come to do the will of His Heavenly Father.
  - He was well aware that His mission would end in physical suffering and death and He said, *"...I go my way, and ye shall seek Me, and shall die in your sins, wither I go, ye cannot come..."*
  - Jesus was obedient to what He was sent to do.
2. Jesus never lost His inner peace and moved through His enemies remarks, accusations, etc., with a calm steadfastness, replying to their words of hatred with no hot responses.
  - Jesus kept His eyes and heart looking heavenward, always trusting in God, His Heavenly Father.
3. Jesus was always calm and confident of where He stood with God's truth.
  - Jesus said, *"...When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am He, and that I do nothing of myself, but as My Father hath taught me, I speak these things..."*
4. Jesus never lowered Himself to get into arguments, heated discussions with the Jewish rulers.
  - Jesus stood among them with a majesty, claiming to be equal with God, the Father and required them to listen to Him, *"...lest they should die in their sins..."*
  - Jesus spoke as one very aware of His standing with God as He so clearly and without any doubt uncovered the great distance that lay between Himself and those who thought they were so holy and important.

### **II. BEING AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE AND FAVOR BRINGS PEACE**

1. It is hard to live a Godly life among evil minded people, to see their evilness, their unrighteousness, to hear their bad talk.
  - It is very trying to experience evil doings in one's own life or to see it working harm in the lives of others.
2. Jesus was moved by the unbelief and enmity of the Jewish rulers and by the bitter attacks on Him.
  - Jesus was concerned and cared about the ungodly behavior of the Jewish rulers.

3. No matter how Jesus felt, He never lost His inner peace. (*Matthew 11:20-30*).
  - Jesus always felt the presence of His Heavenly Father and that kept His soul in peace.
  - How wise was Jesus' dealings with those against Him.
  - How simple, yet skillful were His replies to their questions and as a result, "*...many believed on Him...*"
4. Jesus is the Believer's example in having peace during bad times.
  - It is only normal for one's spirit to rise and fall as situations come and go, but when one can have the spirit of Jesus, then the more one's doubts and unrest will vanish and go away.
  - *2 Corinthians 11:20-29*

## CONCLUSION:

1. If a person is alive, then that person is going to have something go wrong sooner or later and cause unrest, worry, anxiety, pressure, questions, anger, mental anguish and all sorts of things that seem to be beyond one's control, even resulting in suicide sometimes.
2. How can a person maintain a logical, reasonable attitude during such times of stress?
3. Jesus is the example.
  - He knew where He stood with His relationship with God.
  - He was aware that being in the right relationship with God, caused God to be present with Him in all situations.
  - He wanted to do only what God wanted Him to do.
4. To be a peace, no matter what the situation, then one must:
  - Have a right relationship with God, the Father.
  - Be aware that if in the right relationship with God, the Father, then God is present with him/her all the time.
  - Devote one's life to what God wants him/her to do with his/her life.
5. So, what is your relationship with God? Is it what God wants?