#### The Peace of Jesus

People have sought peace for generations.

They presume if they can create a world without conflicts they can have perfect peace.

#### 1 Peter 4:12-13

The circumstances of conflict and troubles will (sooner or later) invade your life.

But you can choose how you will deal with those circumstances...

You can have peace, because you CHOOSE peace... you pursue it. Psalm 34:14

### I. WHAT KIND OF PEACE SHOULD WE PURSUE? John 14:27

What kind of peace is this PEACE OF JESUS?

It's a peace where our heart isn't troubled.

It's not like the "world's peace"

Because *the world's peace is based upon our circumstances*.

This peace from Jesus is different.

This peace is a promise from God of His peace <u>IN SPITE OF</u> our circumstances. Isaiah tells us that this kind of peace -

(perfect peace) is promised by God to His people. Isaiah 26:3

# II. HOW WILL WE RECOGNISE THIS PEACE, THE PEACE OF JESUS?

#### Psalms 119:165

We won't stumble through life.

...We'll be able to stand up with courage and boldness. Daniel 3:16-18

It doesn't mean we won't be a little scared...

But it does mean that even when we are scared,

we won't even think of turning/we won't consider giving up

## BECAUSE your trust will be in God... not your circumstances.

# III. SO HOW DO WE "PURSUE THIS PEACE? Isaiah 26:1-3

The imagery God is using is that of safety and peace INSIDE the walls of a city.

God makes salvation its walls and ramparts.

If we're going to find God's peace & security we have to be inside the walls.

We have to be where He wants us to be. Matt.18:20

God's church [GOD'S PEOPLE] can be a strong city with Jesus right in the middle.

God's peace is here BECAUSE Jesus is here.

While surrounding ourselves with other Christians is extremely important.

If we want God's kind of peace in our life -

We have to learn to focus on God.

We have to learn to TRUST HIM.

Because if we don't trust God, we will not have peace

## Isaiah 26:3

Our ability to gain His perfect peace is based on an attitude that is convinced that we can TRUST Him.