

An Essay: The Ascending Circle of Peace in JESUS CHRIST

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I. The Ascending Circle of Peace in JESUS CHRIST

Picture a circle, with CHRIST at The Center, and we entering in around the circumference. Picture this circle ascending in an ever expanding spiral. It is as a reverse spiritual cyclone, lifting us higher and higher towards The Perfect Peace of GOD.

The more we enter towards The Center of this spiraling circle of expanding faith, the closer we are drawn in towards The Lord, and the greater the blessings which we receive by His Power, obtaining His perfect Peace in all times and places of our lives.

II. Holy Scriptures Guide to The Ascending Circle of Peace in JESUS CHRIST

Walk with me around this ascending circle of CHRIST's Peace through this sequence of Holy Scriptures:

A. Who Shall Ascend into The Hill of The LORD?

PSALM 24:3-5

³ Who shall ascend into the hill of The LORD? or who shall stand in His Holy Place?

⁴ He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

⁵ He shall receive the blessing from The LORD, and righteousness from The GOD of his salvation.

B. Diligently Seeking His Face

PSALM 105:3-5

³ Glory ye in His Holy Name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek The LORD.

⁴ Seek The LORD, and His strength: seek His face evermore.

⁵ Remember His marvellous works that He hath done; His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth;

C. Taking Hold of His Hand by Faith

HEBREWS 11:1&6

¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to GOD must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

D. Coming Before The Cross in Humility

I PETER 5:6-7

⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under The mighty Hand of GOD, that He may exalt you in due time:

⁷ Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.

E. The Gift of Salvation in CHRIST

JOHN 3:14-17

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must The Son of Man be lifted up:

¹⁵ That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

¹⁶ For GOD so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

¹⁷ For GOD sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

F. Let The Word of GOD Dwell in Us Richly

COLOSSIANS 3:15-17

¹⁵ And let The Peace of GOD rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in One Body; and be ye thankful.

¹⁶ Let The Word of CHRIST dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to The Lord.

¹⁷ And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in The Name of The Lord JESUS, giving thanks to GOD and the Father by Him.

G. That We May Be Born Again to New Life

JOHN 3:3-5

³ JESUS answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see The Kingdom of GOD.

⁴ Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

⁵ JESUS answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of The SPIRIT, he cannot enter into The Kingdom of GOD.

H. Living Victory in The Fruits of The HOLY SPIRIT

GALATIANS

Galatians 5:22-25

²² But the fruit of The SPIRIT is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

²⁴ And they that are CHRIST's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

²⁵ If we live in The SPIRIT, let us also walk in The SPIRIT.

I. For by Faith We Are Saved and Called to Good Works

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

⁸ For by grace are ye saved through Faith; and that not of yourselves: it is The Gift of GOD:

⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast.

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in CHRIST JESUS unto good works, which GOD hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

J. To Live The Full Life of CHRIST's Abundant Mercy

CORINTHIANS 4:14-17

¹⁴ Knowing that He Which raised up The Lord JESUS shall raise up us also by JESUS, and shall present us with you.

¹⁵ For all things are for your sakes, that The abundant Grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to The Glory of GOD.

¹⁶ For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of Glory;

K. Counting Even Trials of Life as All Joy

JAMES 1:2-5

² My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

³ Knowing this, that the trying of your Faith worketh patience.

⁴ But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

⁵ If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of GOD, That giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

K. Because CHRIST Has Overcome The World on Our Behalf

I JOHN 5:1-5

1 Whosoever believeth that JESUS is The CHRIST is born of GOD: and every one that loveth Him that begat loveth Him also that is begotten of Him.

² By this we know that we love the children of GOD, when we love GOD, and keep His Commandments.

³ For this is The Love of GOD, that we keep His Commandments: and His Commandments are not grievous.

⁴ For whatsoever is born of GOD overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our Faith.

⁵ Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that JESUS is The Son of GOD?

III. Questions Answered - The Ascending Circle of Peace in JESUS CHRIST

Who shall ascend into the hill of The LORD? With the Psalmist, we answer, "We shall, LORD!" How shall we diligently seek His face? By rejoicing in His marvelous works done for us! How shall we take hold of His Hand? By Faith, cooperating with His Grace! By what Way shall we come before His Presence? By The Way of The Cross, with humble hearts, that He may lift us up!

Who has opened The Door of earthly bliss and eternal life for us? The Love of GOD Incarnate, our Lord JESUS CHRIST, Who paid the price for our sins on Calvary! By Whose Presence shall we dwell before His Throne day by day? By The Word of GOD, Who dwells in our hearts, causing us to rejoice! How shall we put off our former ways of darkness and sadness? By being born again in The HOLY SPIRIT to New Life!

What New Life in this world can we expect, foreshadowing Heaven in the next? By living the victory of the fruits of The SPIRIT – love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. What part does GOD call us to in His Kingdom, now and forever? By His amazing Grace, being saved by faith, for lives of good works. How adequate is GOD's amazing Grace? Enough to live fully by The abundant Divine Mercy of CHRIST for all circumstances in our lives, now and forever!

And when trials come, Who shall uphold us? GOD Himself, perfecting our faith in patience, is at our side, bringing all joy! Who then is our Overcomer, Who delivers us from darkness into light? Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, Who is The very Love of The Father, by The Power of The SPIRIT. He has overcome the world on our behalf, and we journey to do the same in Him, until He calls us Home to His Kingdom Above!

IV. The Invitation – Enter into The Ascending Circle of Peace in JESUS CHRIST

Come, then, with a humble heart and accepting His amazing Grace, enter into and live abundantly in *The Ascending Circle of Peace in JESUS CHRIST!* AMEN.