

SERMON NOTES PM

THE SILENCE OF GOD

If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. (1 Peter 4:11)

The most common question asked whenever God has not spoken or authorized a particular thing is the WHY CAN'T WE question.

Why can't we do this thing _____ mentioned in the Bible?

- ✓ Why can't we celebrate Christmas or Easter?
- ✓ Why can't we baptize babies?
- ✓ Why can't we use instrumental music in worship?

_____ **answer:** You can (are permitted to) do ANY unmentioned thing as long as it is not specifically forbidden in the Bible.

⊕ As long as God did not say, THOU SHALL _____!

_____ **answer:** The law of exclusion. You cannot do any unmentioned thing.

⊕ One specific thing forbids the thing (s) not specifically mentioned.

⊕ The command to sing (*Ephesians 5:19*), for example, excludes the playing of an instrument in worship to God.

THE _____ PRINCIPLES FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Israel at the Red Sea *Exodus 14:10-14 (p 76)*

We learn that we must wait for God's answer or speech to permit us to do the thing under consideration.

Wait for God's answer – not our _____ on God's answer. How long to wait?

ACTING WITHOUT PERMISSION – AND NOT WAITING.

WE WILL SOON _____ THE NEED FOR GOD'S PERMISSION IN ANYTHING!

Sabbath violation *Numbers 15:32-36 (p171)*

⊕ Could they act themselves since God did not say? Instead, they waited for the word of the Lord.

_____ did not speak until he inquired of the Lord!

They did not presume on the answer or jump to conclusions without the authority of the word of God.

THE _____ PRINCIPLES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Peter established the principle of _____ *1 Peter 4:11 (p 1393)*

NASB – "utterances" NIV – "the very words of God"

WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS, WE SPEAK; WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT, WE ARE SILENT!

Silence does not authorize _____; only God's spoken _____ does!

- ☞ Priesthood of Israel *Hebrews 7:14 (p 1377)*
- ☞ Warning to the church *1 Corinthians 4:6 (p 1313)*
- ☞ Abiding in the word *2 John 9 (p 1403)*
- ☞ No adding or taking away *Revelation 22:18-19 (p 1426)*

John 12:47-50 (p 1240)

SERMON NOTES AM

LET THE PEACE OF GOD RULE

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. (Colossians 3:15)

THE NEED FOR PEACE

We live in a world of _____ and _____.

Word _____ comes from peace from war / strife.

War is worry, concern, dread, uncertainty and faith _____.

Peace is joy, confidence, happiness, certainty and faith _____.

Many seek peace in all the wrong places!

"Nothing can bring you peace but yourself" Ralph Waldo Emerson [Right] or [Wrong]

GOD'S PEACE

The peace of God comes from the _____ who made us and _____ us.

Galatians 5:19-23 (p 1341)

Which _____ will bring you everlasting peace?

Which _____ will give you everlasting peace?

"Men do not have peace in the world nor in their hearts because they do not have peace with God. Nothing is settled until it is settled right and nothing is settled right until it is settled with God." Vance Havner

Matthew 6:25-34 (p 1117)

OPEN THE GATES, THAT THE RIGHTEOUS NATION THAT KEEPS FAITH MAY ENTER IN. YOU KEEP HIM IN PERFECT PEACE WHOSE MIND IS STAYED ON YOU, BECAUSE HE TRUSTS IN YOU. TRUST IN THE LORD FOREVER, FOR THE LORD GOD IS AN EVERLASTING ROCK. (ISAIAH 26:2-4; ESV)

THE PEACE OF GOD MUST RULE IN OUR LIVES

"To _____ in your hearts; sit as _____ there; govern and _____ you"

How do you put the peace of God in your life?

1. Let the word _____ *Colossians 3:16 (p 1355)*
2. _____ the word *Colossians 3:17 (p 1355)*
3. Take it in _____ *Colossians 3:18ff (p 1355)*

"The Bible nowhere calls upon men to go out in search of peace of mind. It does call upon men to go out in search of God and the things of God." (Abba Hillel Silver)

Philippians 4:4-9 (p 1351)

