

LIKE A CLOCK DURING A THUNDERSTORM!

There is an old hymn, it is in our books, that begins, "*Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?*"

I think maybe when we sing this line, and the first lines of the next five verses, we might miss the question mark! The lyricist is posing a question here.

Peace? Perfect peace? In this dark world of sin? How is that possible?

A careful study of scripture will show us that there are at least two aspects to the idea of peace.

The first is that we should, as far as is possible, live in peace with each other.

Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord

(Hebrews 12:14).

The second is, of course, the peace that we receive from God. Which brings me neatly back to our hymn by Edward Bickersteth.

Peace, perfect peace -- in this dark world of sin? **The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.**

Peace, perfect peace -- by thronging duties pressed? **To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.**

Peace, perfect peace -- with sorrows

surging round? **On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found.**

Peace, perfect peace -- with loved ones far away? **In Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they.**

Peace, perfect peace -- our future all unknown? -- **Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.**

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you (Isaiah 26:3).

Peace whatever is going on!

Let me leave you with this.

Quiet minds cannot be perplexed or frightened but go on in fortune or misfortune at their own private pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm.

– Robert Louis Stevenson

Isaiah 55 talks about the compassion of the Lord and this verse says,

*"For you shall go out in **joy** and be led forth in **peace**; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands"* (Isaiah 55:12).

So, September and October - Joy, and Peace. The theme continues, but not quite in sequence.

Colin R. Vine

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Monthly Bulletin



It's That Time Again!

Once again we thank you for your generosity as you fill shoe boxes to send off to children who might otherwise receive nothing this Christmas.



29th



**The Clocks Go Back, AND
The Evening Service moves
Forward to 4:00 p.m.
on 29th October**



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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

10:30 am Breaking of Bread

Sunday 1st of October only:

11:15 am Family Service

6:00 pm Evening Service

4:00 pm Evening Service 29/10

Monday

2:30 pm Ladies Meeting

7:00 pm Bible Study

Tuesday

10:00 am Carpet Bowls

6:00 pm Carpet Bowls

Wednesday

10:00 am Food Bank

Thursday

10:15 am Coffee & Chat
(Thursday 5th of October only)

6:00 pm Pathfinders

7:30 pm Prayer Meeting
(via Zoom)

Friday

10:00 am Food Bank

6:00 pm Pathos

Saturday

30th of September only -- 8:30 am at the building -- a prayer meeting in preparation for the family service on the 1st of October.

Speakers

Sunday Morning Speakers

10:30 am

1 October -- Family Service
8 October -- Graham Edwards
15 October -- Brian Johnson
22 October -- Colin Vine
29 October -- Barry Laidler



Sunday Evening Services

6:00 pm [4:00 pm on 29/10]

A Sermon Series Throughout
October
by Colin Vine -- "3:16"



Ladies Meeting

Mondays at 2:30 pm

2 October -- Helen Conroy
9 October -- Neil Anderson
16 October -- Naomi Kelly
23 October -- Brian Johnson
30 October -- Alan Coyle



Coffee & Chat

Thursday the 5th of October at 10:15

Rhiannon & Gavin from Home Instead

Fraud Presentation



We will *find a way*

October Quiz.

- During the flood how many people were on the Ark?
a. 125 b. 3 c. 8 d. 10
 - You know that it rained for forty days and forty nights. After it stopped raining, how many days was it before Noah's Ark rested on the mountains of Ararat?
a. 365 b. 70 c. 240 d. 150
 - Israel was both a family and a great nation. How many tribes belonged to this family.
a. 7 b. 12 c. 15 d. 8
 - Joseph's brothers were jealous of him and conspired to get rid of him. They sold him, but for how many pieces of silver?
a. 20 b. 30 c. 25 d. 15
 - For how many years did the Israelites eat manna in the wilderness?
a. 40 b. 50 c. 20 d. 10
- Answers, if you need them, next month

Answers to September's Quiz.

1. c. Hebrews 6:18. 2. b. Hebrews 7:1. 3. d. Hebrews 7:3.
4. b. Hebrews 7:14. 5. d. Hebrews 7:17.

