

**"PEACEFUL HEARTS!" – MARCH 17, 2019**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**GENESIS 15:1-12,17-18; PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1; LUKE 13:31-35**  
**Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.**

**How do you define `peace' in your life? A quiet moment? Being all caught up? A few minutes alone? Good news? A worry resolved? Financial security? Restored health? A conflict free society? The "war to end all wars" concluded? Lent can be an unsettling season. Being at peace in our heart is not easy. Lent is God's grace, springing up life and hope and peace, for God keeps our hearts on The One who has his heart on us, even when so much socially, personally, and spiritually is unsettled. Peace, real peace; puts our heart at peace! Our peace is like the peace Abram was given, waiting for an heir, no longer on his own with Sarai, now with the blessing of God. Our peace is like the peace Paul was filled with, writing words from prison, assuring our hope. Our peace is believing Jesus gathers us under his wings, when others hide elsewhere. Return to The Lord your God with all your heart, trust anew The One who forever keeps his heart on you, blesses you with grace, and filling you and your heart with peace, in Christ alone!**

1. The One who is Peace, gives us and blesses us with peaceful hearts, hearts full of peace, real peace! Luke 13:32-34
  - A. In Jesus, our hearts and spirits and souls are blessed with protection and peace, real peace! Genesis 15:1; Luke 13:34
    - i. Protection is trusting The Known in the midst of the unknown.
    - ii. Protection is living each day in the peace of the hand and peaceful heart that forever have hold of us.
  - B. In Jesus, our hearts and our journey, are blessed with the empathy of peace, real peace! Philippians 3:17,4:1; Luke 13:33-34
    - i. Empathy is trusting The One who really knows how you feel.
    - ii. Empathy is living each day in this peace: You are not alone.

- C. In Jesus, our hearts are blessed with the assurance of peace, real peace!  
Genesis 15:4-6; Luke 13:31-32
    - i. Assurance is calling on The Absolute, trusting Who will not fail, going forward in Who and All as promised.
    - ii. Assurance is living each day in the peace of Who is certain.
  
  - D. In Jesus, our hearts are blessed with the conviction of peace, real peace!  
Philippians 3:19-4:1; Luke 13:35
    - i. Conviction is that which is not questioned, that which is firm.
    - ii. Conviction is living each day in peace that will not waiver.
  
  - E. In Jesus, our hearts are blessed with real endless peace!  
Genesis 15:17-18; Philippians 4:1,7; Luke 13:34
    - i. Peace is not peace unless it is forever!
    - ii. Peace, real peace, is living each day, every day, forever!
2. Real peace is in The One who forever keeps our hearts, on the peace and heart of God's grace alone! The real peace given to Abram, the real peace proclaimed by Paul, the real peace in Christ is ours in the crucified and risen and present Savior. When so much feels unsettled, hope is restored, faith is celebrated, and hearts are filled with peace, real peace! Genesis 15:18; Philippians 3:20,4:1; Luke 13:32,35