## Four Aspects of Peace

- I. Peace with God
  - True peace begins with our relationship with God. Romans 5:1
  - Before salvation we were enemies of God Romans 5:10
  - Christ's sacrifice is the means that brings peace between God and man. Colossians 1:20-21
  - "[Peace with God] means the believer is now and forever on a peace footing in relation to God, because he was justified. This aspect of peace is never an experience. It is wholly positional." – Lewis Sperry Chafer
- II. Peace of God
  - "This is the inwrought peace, part of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22)." Chafer
  - With our faith rooted into the Rock of Ages, we may have peace in the experiences of this life. Philippians 4:7
  - The opposite of peace anxiety is expressly condemned Matthew 6:25-34
- III. Peace to come
  - In Christ's Kingdom Isaiah 9:6-7
  - While I cannot find the word *peace* in a verse describing Heaven (I probably missed one somewhere), there are few other words that describe it as well Revelation 21:3-4
- IV. Peace of Brotherly Love
  - The beauty of its practice Psalm 133:1
  - We all come to Christ in the same way for the same salvation. Hence, no divisions among believers as we all have the same peace with God – Ephesians 2:14-17
  - We are even exhorted to live in peace with unbelievers Romans 12:18-21