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PEACE, LOVE AND MUSIC

50 years ago, August 16-18, 1969 was the historic Woodstock festival lasting 3 days of peace, love and music. 500,000 people came together and became an iconic symbol and image for the hippie movement of that generation. While they were largely misguided, searching for answers and solutions to war and violence, Christ offers the ultimate solution to be able to live a lifetime of peace, love and music through the gospel. **PEACE.** “For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins...For it was the Father’s good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, **having made peace through the blood of His cross**; through Him, I say,

whether things on earth or things in heaven,” Col. 1:13-14, 19-20. We have the ultimate peace through Christ, having been forgiven of our sins we now have a Father who cares for us and is working with us to bring us eternally to Him. This truly gives us the answer to all the violence and evil in the world, as we no longer have to worry or feel anxious about the course of our lives, knowing we have the Lord as our shepherd who works all things out for good to those who love the Lord. “Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions. Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the

preaching of the word of God, that is the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,” Col. 1:24-27. With the ultimate peace in the Lord, we no longer need to fear, worry or fret over the unsettling situations in life, trusting and knowing that God is bringing out His will for us to be used in whatever situation in life for His purposes. **LOVE.**

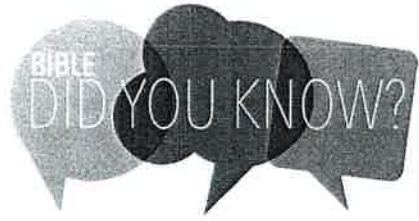
“So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity,” Col. 3:12-14. Being at peace with the Lord allows us to seek to be at peace with others. We are understanding and patient with others, demonstrating the great love God had for each one of us in His Son dying on a cross for our sins, we find a way to be at peace even with our enemies.

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born

of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world,” 1 John 4:7-17. **MUSIC.** Being filled with peace and love, we overflow with joy in the joyful outpouring of praise letting all the world know we have a future lying in heaven after this temporary life is over. “Let the

word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father,” Col. 3:15-17. “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ,” Eph. 5:18-21. “Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises,” Jms. 5:13. “Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing. Know that the LORD Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations,” Psalm 100.

- Daniel Ruegg



“The king’s heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes. Every man’s way is right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the hearts. To do righteousness and justice is desired by the LORD more than sacrifice. Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, is sin. The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage, but everyone who is hasty comes surely to poverty. The acquisition of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of death. The violence of the wicked will drag them away, because they refuse to act with justice.”

Prov. 21:1-7

BIBLE TRIVIA

C H A L L E N G E

DIRECTIONS: After searching through your Bible, circle which answer is correct.

1. Jesus said, "I send you out as sheep in the midst of ____."

- a) Sharks
- b) Wolves
- c) Pastures
- d) Porcupines

2. Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the ____.

- a) Lights
- b) Memory
- c) Odor
- d) Soul

3. Do not fear, you are more valuable than many ____.

- a) Sparrows
- b) Monkeys
- c) Camel's hair
- d) Mustard seeds

4. Do not think that Jesus came to bring ____ on the earth.

- a) Food
- b) Global warming
- c) Crying
- d) Peace

5. Of those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than ____.

- a) John the Baptist
- b) Dwight Minor
- c) Frank Stallone
- d) World B. Free

6. Jesus said, "John himself is ____ who was to come."

- a) Christ
- b) Muhammad
- c) Elisha
- d) Elijah

7. John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a ____!'

- a) Problem
- b) Learning Disability
- c) Demon
- d) Digestive Disorder

8. Jesus said, "Go and learn what this means, 'I desire ____ and not sacrifice.'"

- a) Food
- b) Compassion
- c) Demon
- d) Righteousness

9. The Son of Man came eating and drinking and they say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a ____.'

- a) Party animal
- b) Sinner
- c) Drunkard
- d) Demon

10. Jesus said, 'Come to Me all who are weary and ____.'

- a) Bored
- b) Exhausted
- c) Hungry
- d) Heavey-laden

1) B, Reference: Mt. 10:16
2) D, Reference: Mt. 10:28
3) A, Reference: Mt. 10:31
4) D, Reference: Mt. 10:34
5) A, Reference: Mt. 11:11
6) D, Reference: Mt. 11:14

7) C, Mt. 11:18
8) B, Mt. 9:12-13
9) C, Mt. 11:19
10) D, Mt. 11:28