

“The Call of Peace”
Judges 6:22-32
December 1, 2019

I. Peace Between Gideon and the Lord

- A. The Lord comforted the terrified Gideon by declaring “peace” between them.
- B. It was a peace accomplished through sacrifice.
- C. We too have been granted peace with God, through Christ’s sacrifice.

Romans 5:1 - Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:13–14a - ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace...

II. Peace with God Calls His People to a Life of Risk and Loyalty

- A. The Lord called Gideon to risk life and limb by tearing down Baal’s alter.
 - 1. We too are called to risk all manner of comfort and advantage for the Lord if necessary.
 - 2. Jesus makes this clear:

Matthew 16:24–25 - ²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. ²⁵ “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Revelation 2:9–10 - ⁹ ‘I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ ‘Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

- B. The Lord called Gideon to be more loyal to Him than to his family.
 - 1. We too are called to put the Lord before everyone.
 - 2. Jesus makes this clear:

Matthew 10:34–36 - ³⁴ “Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ “For I came to set a man against his

father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶ and a man's enemies will be the members of his household.

Luke 14:26 - *If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.*

- C. Jesus, our Peace, assures of ongoing forgiveness of our failure to perfectly heed the call of Peace.
 - 1. Jesus suffered everything in obedience to the Father.
 - 2. Jesus was willing to be rejected by all to please His Father.
 - 3. His perfect record is now ours.