

Philippians 4:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Hē eirēnē tou theou hē hyperechousa panta noun ("peace of God surpassing all understanding")—incomprehensible to reason. Phrourēsei ("will guard")—military metaphor: peace garrisons heart/mind against anxiety. This verse contributes to Philippians chapter 4's themes of joy, peace, contentment, and gratitude—Paul's prison epistle climax showing joy transcending circumstances through Christ's sufficiency.

Historical Context

Philippians chapter 4 concludes Paul's most joyful letter, written from Roman imprisonment (c. AD 60-62). The Philippian church, Paul's most faithful financial partner, sent support via Epaphroditus. Paul's gratitude, exhortations to joy and peace, and contentment teaching modeled Christ-centered living regardless of external circumstances—a powerful witness in the Roman world.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does this verse challenge your perspective on Supernatural peace?
2. What specific application can you make from this teaching this week?
3. How does this verse point to Christ's sufficiency in all circumstances?

Interlinear Text

καὶ τὰ εἰρήνη τὰ θεοῦ τὰ ὑπερέχουσα πάντα
And which the peace which of God which passeth all
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νοῦν φρουρήσει τὰ καρδίας ὑμῶν καὶ τὰ
understanding shall keep which hearts minds And which
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νοήματα ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ
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Additional Cross-References

John 14:27 (Peace): Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Isaiah 26:3 (Peace): Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 (Peace): Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

Colossians 3:15 (Peace): And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Psalms 29:11 (Peace): The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

Galatians 5:22 (Peace): But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Romans 15:13 (Peace): Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

John 16:33 (Peace): These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Romans 8:6 (Peace): For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 5:1 (Peace): Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

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