

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

In The Crossing

The beginning & the end

Between Eden & the New Jerusalem...

Christ's Coming & His Return

- *We are in the crossing*
- *He defines the trip*

Luke 2:14 & I Thessalonians 4:16

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God."

Matthew 6:9-10

*"Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven."*

Vs. 11-13** affirm it means **now

John 14:27 & 16:33

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

John 20:19-26

***Ephesians 2:14 & Philippians 4:6-7**
"For He Himself is our peace"*

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

***Mark 4:35-40**, "He said to them, 'Let us cross over to the other side.'"*

"And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep"

"And they awoke Him and said to Him, 'Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?'"

"Then He arose and... said, 'Peace, be still!' And the wind ceased and there was a great calm."

"He said to them, 'Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?' (Luke 8:25)

What did He speak?

- He spoke what He was **giving**
- **NOT** what He was removing

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*II Corinthians 1:18-20, "But as God is faithful, our word to you was **not Yes and No**. For the Son of God, **Jesus Christ, was not Yes and No**, but in Him was **Yes**. For all the promises of God in Him are **Yes**, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God **through us**."*

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We are in the crossing – Right Now!

- There will be storms
- **What has He said?**

Psalm 46:10 & 65:7, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

"You who still the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples."

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*I Thessalonians 4:16, "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven **with a shout**, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God."*

What will He shout?

- What He has always said
- **Psalm 65:7 & Mark 4:39**

"Peace, be Still!"

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I have sought the answer to that question for years

- Are there things you have wanted to know from God?
- **Have you been seeking it?**

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*Matthew 7:7-8, "Ask, and it will be given to you; **seek, and you will find**; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives,*

and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

- **Asking** is for provision, for yourself & others
- **Seeking** is for revelation, knowledge & understanding
- **Knocking** is for access, opportunity & admittance

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Proverbs 2:1-5,

*"My son, if you **receive** my words, And **treasure** my commands within you, So that you **incline your ear** to wisdom, And **apply your heart** to understanding; Yes, if you **cry out for** discernment, And **lift up your voice for** understanding, If you **seek her** as silver, And **search for her** as for hidden treasures; **Then you will** understand the fear of the LORD, And **find the knowledge of God**."*

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Seeking is not passive. It is **driven by desire**.

Psalm 1:2 & 37:4

*"But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law **he meditates day and night**."*

*"**Delight yourself** also in the LORD, and **He shall give you** the desires of your heart."*

- He will **impart**, then **grant** desires in your heart

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Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are those **who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for **they shall be filled**."**

Do you want **more hunger & thirst** for what only God gives?

- I believe He wants to grant that desire today.