

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

Asking & Receiving

- *Last week: **Matthew 7:7-8***
- *Asking, **Seeking** & **Knocking***
- ***Matthew 5:6, 6:33***
- *Seeking & finding more **hunger & thirst***

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Asking – Expecting to receive

John 14:12-15, “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

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I John 3:22 & 5:14-15, And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Mark 10:35-40, Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.” And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They said to Him, “We are able.” So Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared.”

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James 4:3, You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

You ask to please yourselves

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So, what qualifies?

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.”

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John 20:21 & 26, Jesus said to them again, **“Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”**
“Peace to you!”

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From His incarnation, through His ministry & after His resurrection...

His Peace is His gift to us

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Are we willing to **want & receive peace**?

- Completely safe, transparent relationship

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Are we willing to **give peace**?

Ephesians 4:1-3, I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, **bearing with one another in love**, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit **in the bond of peace**.

You are **completely safe** with me

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Are we willing to **make peace**?

Matthew 5:9, “Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they shall be called sons of God.”

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What will it cost us?

- Trust, Humility & Self-preference

Philippians 2:3-5, Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus

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What are the other hindrances?

Unforgiveness – Received & Given

- Both leave us bound
- **Not free** to be transparent & safe

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Peace cannot exist **without forgiveness**

- When we don’t forgive, we give whoever wronged us
- **Power to control us**, instead of God

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Last week God offered us more **hunger & thirst for Him**

Today He invites us to receive **His Forgiveness**

- Not just it’s benefits from Him
- But to **own it & give it** with Him
- So we can own & give **His Peace**

“As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

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As we sing this last song, please ask God if there’s anyone He wants you to **own & give His forgiveness to**.