

"I am the; you are the Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that
bears much"
What sort of fruit?
The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace (Gal 5:22)
Philippians 4 gives us great insight into this peace:
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.
Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The
Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to
God. And the God , which
surpasses all understanding, will
guard your hearts and your minds
Christ Jesus. (4:4-7)
What is this PEACE ? Feeling safe and
calm because is in charge.
Philippians 4 continues

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and **the** ______ **of peace** will be ______ you. (4:8-9)

When we walk by the Spirit, connected to Jesus (John 16:33), we'll bear the fruit of **peace** because we **know** God is in charge.

For Class & Family Discussion:

- Does this peace we're talking about always come naturally to us? If not, why not? What might be getting in the way?
- How is this peace tied to "reasonableness" (Phil 4:5)?
- How does this peace provide the perspective necessary to do what Philippians 4:6 is calling us to do?
- How does this peace "guard" our "hearts" and "minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:7)?
- Can you think of men or women in the Bible who felt safe and calm in difficult circumstances because they knew God is in charge?
- How do the things we "think" about impact our peace (Phil 4:8)?
- How does "walking by" the Spirit (Gal 5:16), following the "lead" of the Spirit (Gal 5:18), "keeping in step" with the Spirit (Gal 5:25) and "sowing to" the Spirit (Gal 6:8) produce the fruit of peace?