

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

A ruler compels nothing for those who neglect its use. It is simply a measure of an existing standard. It does not impose structure or punish deviations. The law dictates its use, and the powers that be, exact punishment for deviations. It is a standard of what is correct and right. Everything built using it will have symmetry, stability, and function, and everything built without it will be bizarre, haphazard, and unstable. It rules for those that trust its standard. Things built to other standards will be incompatible with those built by its standard. The peace of God is the Voice of God's Word in our thoughts assuring our faith in His omnipotent control of all things, and His power to make the impossible, possible. We are often tempted to doubt or ignore God's Word. Circumstances are often not what we expect. This world is in chaos because it uses changing standards. When disaster strikes, Satan whispers frantic thoughts into our souls in an effort to disrupt the rule of peace. Thoughts like; *"What about this! What if that? What now? All is lost! I must do something! I'm all alone!"* and a million others assail our faith and standard. *"When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a STANDARD against him."* The Standard of God's Word must take its rightful place in our heart, so the Peace of God may reply with calm assurance, "This is part of God's plan for my life, and He already knows all about it. It's under His perfect control and it will work for good in my life." The stress, fear, worry, and doubt of unbelief disappear as the knowledge that, nothing ever catches God by surprise, bulwarks faith. He knew before the dawn of time each circumstance that would befall me. Provision and protection were made for everything in accordance with His perfect will. Things may not go just as we'd like, but we can be sure that God is on His Throne, in control, and the "Law of Faith" still rules. *"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His Truth shall be thy shield and buckler. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee."* The "feathers" of God are all the nuances and meanings His Word brings to calm any catastrophe of life! The "secret place" of God is he still quiet place in thought where His Voice is heard by His children.

The train of life may seem derailed,  
There may be walls we cannot scale,  
But we can true believe this fact,  
God's perfect plan is still on track! ~CGP

Doubt is unbelief and it does not threaten God. It only threatens the Peace of God in our minds amid the chaos of a wicked world! What standard is the measure of your thoughts? *"Let this mind (God's Word) be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: And be renewed in the spirit of your mind. That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word...as that the Day of Christ is at hand; for God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."* The peace of God will only rule in our hearts if we let the standard of God's Word prevail over our thought life; the key word being, "let." It's a choice!

*"Great peace have they which love Thy Law: and nothing shall offend them." Psalms 119:165 KJV*

