



The Peace of God

Philippians 4:2-9

Matthew 3:16-17

16. After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him,
17. and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."



Pet dove

Huang Míngzhu, a girl working in North China, recently turned her heads for her special pet, a white dove who likes sitting on her shoulder.

"The dove flew into the 17 floor of our hotel. A co-worker found it all covered with blood and its left wing wounded. I was a little bit scared at first, but later I found it liked me."

Huang Míngzhu and her co-workers helped treat the fragile bird. Twelve days later, it had recovered and they planned to let it go.

"As soon as we released it to the sky, it flew over back and stayed on my shoulder," Huang Míngzhu said, "then I took it home.".





Philippians

written by Paul in prison

<https://images.fineartamerica.com/images-medium-large/1-saint-paul-in-prison-granger.jpg>



“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

– Philippians 1:21

<http://patriotretort.com/tag/the-nfl/>

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Live in Harmony

- Personal quarrels
- We can do something about this
- Musically, different notes carefully chosen make the whole piece rich and interesting



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Help each other

- Quarrels are difficult
- Sometimes we need to the body of Christ to resolve issues
- Think of the bigger picture



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Shared my struggle

- Gladiators in an arena
- And there are a lot of people watching what we do!



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My fellow workers

- We all on the same side!
- Who and what is our enemy?
- Our enemy is Anxiety



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Rejoice

- Celebration ~ New Year's eve
- Paul is in prison
- Something you set your mind to do



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The Lord is near

- Maranatha - The Lord is coming soon!
- The kingdom is near - it is within your reach!



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- Jesus' most frequent command



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Prayer

- Prayer - general
- Supplication - needs
- Thanksgiving
- Requests - specifics



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Peace of God is assurance

- “guard” ~ roman watchtower



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Renew your mind

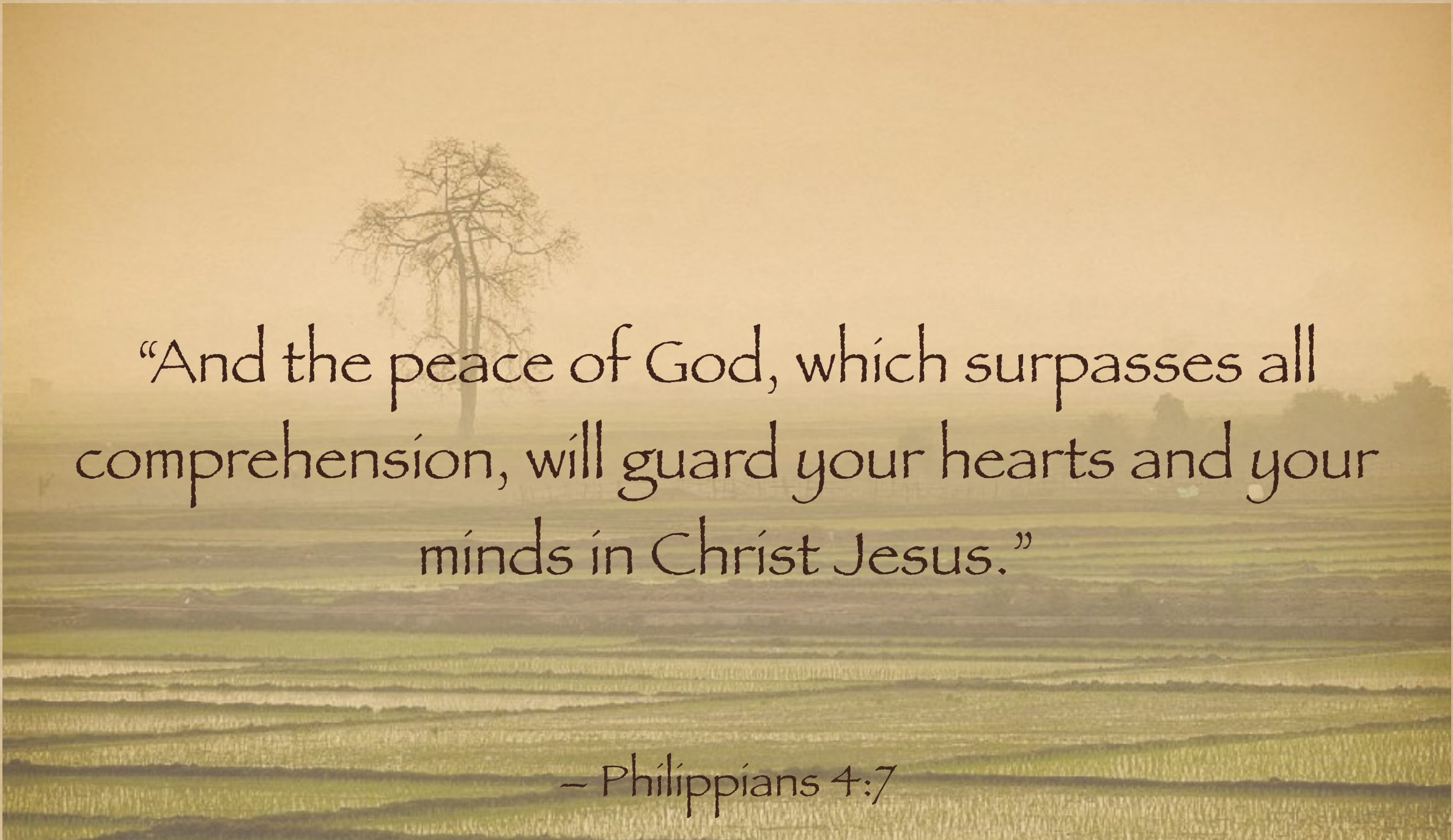
- Romans 12:2 - “be transformed by the renewing of your mind”
- Surround yourself with goodness



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