

**Pastor's Weekly Devotional- January 12, 2017**  
**"Peace Like A River"**

The hymn "It Is Well With My Soul" was written in memory of the author's four precious daughters who had perished in a shipwreck and his wife barely rescued. Through it all, the couple maintained faith in the sovereignty of God and would say through their tears:

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrow like a sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well with my soul.*

Our Lord has not praised us a life of ease, free from heartache and tragedy, but He has promised to be with us.

God knows you by name. Isaiah 43:1 reminds us: - "The Lord has called you by name; you are Mine (He says)."

The prerequisite for "the peace of God which passes all human understanding" is found in Philippians 4:6 - "Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Isaiah 26:3 reminds us - "You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You (God)!"

May God grant you His peace this week.  
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