

**Rappahannock Christian Church – 6-19-11**  
**Dr. Kenneth Wilbur – Pastor**

**Guest Speaker: Lee Lamb**

**Communion Meditation – Elder Alex Dillard**

We gather at this Table on the First Day of the week to commemorate our Savior's sacrifice for the sins of the world.

Let each of us examine our minds so that we may remember our Lord Jesus Christ who gave His life so that we might have life everlasting.

Reading from the words of the apostle Paul:

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26** – The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**"A Life Of Peace" – Lee Lamb**

**Romans 5:1-5** – Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

I want to thank you for the privilege of speaking with you today. This is a great day and a wonderful opportunity. I have passed by this church on numerous occasions, but have never been inside. What a beautiful and peaceful church this is.

This morning as my wife, Lisa, and I arrived and parked under the big oak tree, we could hear the birds singing and feel the breeze, and Lisa said, "I think I could take a nap right now." It was just that peaceful.

My place of peace is on our porch. Almost every night in the summer, Lisa and I go to sit on the porch and look at the lake and listen to the breeze as we talk over the day, and almost every night as she talks I go to sleep. It's just so peaceful there.

We need peace in our lives. This life is not always easy. We struggle and we have disappointments and each of us needs a place of peace.

So how shall we define peace? It is a sense of well-being with the world, with our fellow man and with our Creator.

Today we're going to look at peace between God and man. We'll begin in Genesis 1:26 where God says "Let us make man in our image," and then we look in Ephesians 1:3-8 where we are told, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption

to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will — to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us.”

So if we are created in the image of God and He chose us, it must mean that He wants to have a relationship with us.

Just think of your own children. You chose to have your child. He is like you. He looks like you. You pour out your life for your children to help them to succeed and to be happy. Why? It is because this is the child you created and you want to be in relationship with him.

It is the same with our heavenly Father. He has created us and He wants to have a relationship with us. If we don’t have God in our lives there is a void within us that we will be continually trying to fill because we are missing our Father.

When Jesus met the woman at the well, He said to her, “You can have some of this water, but you will be thirsty again. But if you will drink my water, I will give you true peace. You don’t have peace in your life now. Look at you, you’ve been married to five husbands and the man you’re living with now isn’t even your husband. Here, drink my water. I will give you the peace you’re looking for.”

How do we get this peace with God?

Romans 8:14-16 says “For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.”

This is how we have peace. There is something inside of us that recognizes God as our Father. He gives us full peace.

So how do we know that we have this true peace? It is because the Spirit is within us and he tells us and it’s the relationship that we have with God. Indwelt by the Spirit we feel a spirit of compassion in our heart and not judgment. When we have peace with God it’s like the sun is shining on us. When people try to wrong us we simply say, “It’s okay. I’m sorry,” and they don’t know what to do. They only know that something is different about us.

Peace comes only from God through our relationship with Jesus Christ. He said, “I know that they don’t want this cross right now, but one day they’ll need it, and He walked up that hill and said, “Not my will, Father, but yours be done.”

### **Benediction**

My the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. – Hebrews 13:20-21