

A Verse to Remember 9

This is totally your study. Nobody will be instructing you and nobody will be grading you. It will just be you, your Bible, these lessons, your own paper, and of course, the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you.

VERSE	Philippians 4:6-7
TEXT - NKJV	<i>Be anxious be nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.</i>

BOOK	Letter to the Philippians
PURPOSE OF BOOK	Paul telling the church there to live out their faith the right way by serving the Lord. He told them to get ready to serve, watch others serve, and then go out and do it (serve).

CHAPTER	4
THEME OF CHAPTER	This last part of the letter describes commitment – I have been getting ready to serve; I have seen others do it well; I choose to serve the Lord; I choose to be faithful; I choose to stick it out.

In our serving, what problems could we run into?

(4:2-3) _____

(4:4) _____

(4:5) _____

(4:8-9) _____

(4:10-20) _____

Could not each of these areas of need cause anxiety? Could we forget to give thanks in the tough times or when we blow it?

Don't we have times when we are selfish, ungrateful, mean, ungodly, having nothing? How can we serve the Lord in the lives of others in this condition?

If we don't get anxious, if we pray, if we give thanks, what will God give us? What is this quality that only comes from God? (4:6) _____

What does Paul want in all of our lives?

(Romans 1:7) _____ (1 Corinthians 1:3) _____

(2 Corinthians 1:2) _____ (Galatians 1:3) _____

(Ephesians 1:2) _____ (Philippians 1:2) _____

What is the other word that appears with it? _____

The word "grace" means "a Holy God wrapping His arms around a sinful man" and loving him every step of the way. It means "God's unearned favor".

The word "peace" means more than "the absence of troubles or conflict". It suggests the presence of someone greater than us making everything work right.

"Peace" means Romans 8:28. Write it out. _____

What does God's peace not need? (4:7) _____

Just because we cannot figure out everything does not mean that God does not have it all under control.

What does God's peace do for us? (4:7) _____

When we are out there serving, we must be protected from anxiety, prayerlessness, & thanklessness; these things are going to happen; we are weak & self-centered.

So, what two things must we **do**? (4:6) _____

(Colossians 3:15)

Let the peace of God _____.

Let the Word of God _____.

A piece of plastic pipe travels under the ground to take water from the source to a thirsty plant – through hard dirt – under cement. No matter the route the pipe takes, it gets the water there. The pipe is "God's peace".

As we use our weak lives to serve God, we pray & thank the Lord. He provides His peace to accomplish His purpose in us & in the lives of others. That's incredible!!