

## Friday, December 2, 2016

Many of you are acquainted with this story, however, it's a good reminder on this week's topic of peace. Horatio Spafford, a businessman in Chicago, sent his wife and three daughters ahead to Europe by ship while he stayed back to wrap up some loose ends. En route, the ship was caught in a terrible storm and sank, drowning their three daughters. Mrs. Spafford made it to safety and wired back saying, "All of our daughters have been lost. Only I have been saved."

Mr. Spafford took the next ship. As they came near the place where his daughters drowned, the Captain pointed to the spot. It was there that Horatio Spafford wrote this hymn:

"When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll;

Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

During this past year, many of you have experienced life's crushing trials; loss of a loved one, broken relationships, straying children, loss of health, and the list goes on. Maybe you've tried to comfort someone going through such a tragedy. You've looked around for help and support, something or someone who will take away the pain, the anger, the confusion, and replace them with peace, comfort and hope. Sadly, you haven't found that miraculous remedy.

I am glad to tell you that the answer is only a prayer away.

Jesus Christ tells us in John ch. 14: "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

Horatio Spafford knew where he had to go for true and lasting peace and rest; to Jesus. That same remedy is available to you, Today! Let 2016 end free from the baggage and burdens of the past. Take them to Jesus and He will give you true and enduring peace.