## *Day 51*

*Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Col. 3:13-15*

Do you ever feel totally overwhelmed by one of God's "Do Lists"? Most people do – frequently. "Bear with", "forgive", "love" and "be thankful" – IS THAT ALL?? But notice, hiding there in the middle, that there is one thing we don't do, but let Him do: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." The "peace of Christ" sounds rather nice, doesn't it? Perhaps, if we actually HAD the peace of Christ, it wouldn't be so difficult to bear with, forgive, love and be thankful. What if Jesus FedExed you a "Peace of Christ Video" with instructions saying that in order to 'get it' you had to 'watch it' with undivided attention. There it is, right in your hands – 'the peace of Christ'. How do you 'let it rule in your heart'? You would follow the directions and watch it with undivided attention. You should know that Jesus HAS given us instructions on how to let His peace rule in our hearts: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." [Phil. 4:6-7] You can always thank God for sending Jesus and for the promise of heaven. Make as long a list as you can of things to thank God for, and give it your undivided attention – than make your list of requests. Make one of these 'the peace of Christ', and watch Him answer your prayer.