

Peace

Peace is a leading characteristic of the Kingdom of God

Romans 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

This peace comes as the fulfilment of God's promises

Isaiah 9:6–7 6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. 7 There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

This peace came through the gift of God's son and becomes ours through faith in Him

Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Ephesians 14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into* one and
2:14–15 broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is* the Law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, *thus* establishing peace,

Peace is the special gift of Jesus to his followers

John 14:27 “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.

John 16:33 “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

Peace is also part of the fruit of the Spirit, ours when we walk in the Spirit rather than the flesh

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

The source of peace is always God

Psalms 4:8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep, For You alone, O LORD, make me to dwell in safety.

Psalms 29:11 The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace.

Proverbs 16:7 When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

2 Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in Thessalonians every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!
3:16

There are a number of things we can do to enjoy God's peace

Psalms Those who love Your law have great peace, And nothing causes them
119:165 to stumble.

Proverbs 3:1– 1 My son, do not forget my teaching, But let your heart keep my
2 commandments; 2 For length of days and years of life And peace they will add to you.

- Isaiah 26:3 “The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in You.
- Romans 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,
- Philippians 4:6–7 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- Philippians 4:8–9 8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. 9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

We are commanded to live in and live by peace

- Colossians 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:12–13 12 But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, 13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.

We are to pursue peace with all people

- Psalms 34:14 Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

Romans 12:18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

Ephesians 4:1–3 1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, 3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Matthew 5:9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Romans 14:19 So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.

2 Timothy 2:22 Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love *and* peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

Hebrews 12:14 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

We are warned that there is no peace for some people

Isaiah 48:22 “There is no peace for the wicked,” says the LORD.

Isaiah 57:21 “There is no peace,” says my God, “for the wicked.”