
Peace

- With God
 - Which comes when we are “justified by faith” ... Romans 5:1
 - Which is accompanied with rejoicing and love, even in tribulation... Romans 5:2-5
 - Which is made possible by the loving sacrifice of Jesus’ blood... Romans 5:6-9
 - And continues by virtue of His resurrected life
 - Romans 5:10-11
 - Hebrews 7:25
- With our temper and behavior toward others
 - A concentrated effort to “pursue” peace... 1 Peter 3:8-12
 - Peter mentions some of the qualities necessary... 1 Peter 3:8-9
 - Being of one mind
 - Having compassion for one another
 - Love as brothers, tenderhearted, and courteous
 - Not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but responding with a blessing
 - Peace must be sought and pursued... 1 Peter 3:11
 - Only then can we expect to “love life and see good days”!... 1 Peter 3:10
- With our Conscience
 - Peace within one’s own self is mostly a byproduct...
 - Of being at peace with God
 - Of being at peace with those around us
 - So when Jesus brings us peace with God and man – peace within naturally follows!
 - Isaiah 9:6-7...It was prophesied He would be the “Prince of peace”
 - Acts 10:34-36...When He came, He came preaching peace
 - Indeed, He offers peace:

- That the world is not able to give... John 14:27
- That one can possess even in the midst of tribulation... John 16:33
- But there is a peace, one that blesses the soul from within...
- It comes from God
 - Keeping our minds set on God...Isaiah 26:3
 - Loving God's word, and heeding His commandments
 - Psalm 119:165
 - Isaiah 48:18
 - John 14:23
 - Being diligent in prayer...Philippians 4:6-7
 - Filling our mind with spiritual thoughts
 - Philippians 4:8-9
 - Romans 8:5-8
- It surpasses all understanding
- It serves as a fortress to guard our hearts and minds – and it comes through Christ Jesus!... Philippians 4:7
- Please note that the pursuit of peace does not require compromise of truth
 - Peace with man...Ephesians 2:11-22
 - Jew and Gentile, once alienated from one another, can be at peace in Jesus Christ... Ephesians 2:11-14
 - Made possible through the same act which makes peace with God: the death of Jesus Christ!... Ephesians 2:15-16
 - Thus, Jesus has come preaching peace to all mankind... Ephesians 2:17
 - The wonders of this peace are described as Paul continues...
 - A peace that allows access by one Spirit to the Father... Ephesians 2:18
 - A peace where all can be fellow-citizens with the saints... Ephesians 2:19a
 - A peace where all can be members of the family of God... Ephesians 2:19b

- A peace where all can be a temple in the Lord, a habitation of God in the Spirit...
Ephesians 2:20-22
- For the wisdom that is from above is “first pure, then peaceable...” (Jam 3:17)
- But if we wish to bear the fruit of righteousness, it must be “sown in peace by those who make peace”! (Jam. 3:18)
- Let us never forget that Jesus, as the Prince of peace...
 - Came preaching peace
 - Died on the cross to make peace possible with God, man, and self
 - Is the conduit through which God now grants peace to man, as pronounced the night He was born... Luke 2:11-14
 - Indeed, the element of peace is a key feature of His kingdom...Romans 14:17-19
- We should therefore “let the peace of God rule in our hearts” ... Colossians 3:15
- And allow Jesus to give us His peace as expressed in this prayer... 2 Thessalonians 3:16
- Do you wish to ensure that the Lord is always with you, that you might experience that “peace which surpasses all understanding”?