

We need PEACE!

▣ Peace with

1. *Ourselves*
2. *Others*
3. *God*

Old Testament Prophecy:

- ▣ Prince of Peace:
- ▣ **6 For to us a child is born,**
- ▣ **to us a son is given;**
- ▣ **and the government shall be upon his shoulder,**
- ▣ **and his name shall be called**
- ▣ **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,**
- ▣ **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
 - Isaiah 9.6, ESV

Peace in the New Testament

- ▣ “Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”
 - 1 Corinthians 1:3
- ▣ a specific greeting used 16 times!
- ▣ Note the order:
- ▣ We need the GRACE of Jesus before we receive the PEACE of Jesus

Peace X 5:

1. Peace is a product of God's design.
2. Peace is not determined by possessions, or circumstances.
3. Peace comes from knowing Jesus
4. Believing prayer ushers in God's peace.
5. Peace is not ours to keep, but ours to share.
 - <https://www.faithgateway.com/bible-verses-about-peace/#.XfEYWINKhdh> by Fred Bittner & RHP

1. Peace is a product of God's design.

- ▣ *May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ* – 1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NIV).
- ▣ There is only one God of Peace
- ▣ You cannot have true peace without the true God

2. Peace is not determined by possessions or circumstances.

- ▣ *Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you... I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength. – Philippians 4:9,12-13 (NIV).*

We've been fooled . .

- ▣ We believe happiness – or peace – comes from:
 - ▣ My being in control
 - ▣ The absence of conflict
 - ▣ Having all I “need” (really ‘want’)
 - ▣ Being perfectly healthy

3. Peace comes from knowing Jesus

- ▣ *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Romans 5:1 (NIV)

4. Believing prayer ushers in God's peace

- ▣ ³ Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.
 - Isaiah 26:3 (KJV)
- ▣ You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. NIV

- ▣ **Not a random, nebulous, earthly peace, but his peace. Imported from heaven. The same tranquility that marks the throne room, God offers to you.”**
 - Max Lucado, *Grace for the Moment* Volume II

5. Peace is not ours to keep, but ours to share

- ▣ *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called Children of God* — Matthew 5:9 (NIV).
- ▣ The peace of God must be evident in us. Others need to see what we have and desire to have it. Then we must be peacemakers, able to share the love of God with a troubled world.
- ▣ *“You are the light of the world. . . In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven”* — Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV).

- ▣ *Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.*
 - Hebrews 12:14 (NIV)

▣ *Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid”*

▪ John 14:27 (NIV)