



“When God Sent Peace”

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A. Where do we find peace in a world that seems to have no peace? Make peace...

“They offer superficial treatments for my people’s mortal wound. They give assurances of peace when there is no peace.” Jeremiah 6:14

1. Jesus came into the world to bring peace.
“to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace.” Luke 1:79
2. Jesus came to bring peace despite our struggles.
“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in Me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” John 16:33
3. Jesus came to offer the gift of peace.
“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.” John 14:27
4. Jesus promised an everlasting peace.
“His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of His ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies will make this happen!” Isaiah 9:7

5. Our peace begins with making peace with God.
“Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.” Romans 5:1

B. Keep peace...

“They don’t know where to find peace or what it means to be just and good. They have mapped out crooked roads, and no one who follows them knows a moment’s peace.” Isaiah 59:8

1. To keep peace, keep obedient.
“Those who love Your instructions have great peace and do not stumble. I long for Your rescue, LORD, so I have obeyed Your commands. I have obeyed Your laws, for I love them very much.” Psalm 119:165-167
2. To keep peace, keep focused.
“You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You, all whose thoughts are fixed on You.” Isaiah 26:3
3. To keep peace, keep trusting.
“Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.” Proverbs 3:5-6
4. To keep peace, keep asking.
“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

C. Show peace...

- “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’” Isaiah 52:7 NIV*
1. Show peace by letting Christ’s peace live in you.
“And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.” Colossians 3:15
 2. Show peace by letting your whole life demonstrate it.
“For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” Romans 14:17

3. Show peace in your relationships.
“Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.” Romans 12:18

4. Show peace by letting it overflow from your life!
“I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

D. We can know peace...

*“No Jesus, no peace. Know Jesus, know peace.”
(John 14:27)*

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1. Christ brought peace to us.
“For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in His own body on the cross, He broke down the wall of hostility that separated us.” Ephesians 2:17
2. One aspect of the fruit of the Spirit is peace.
“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,” Galatians 5:22
3. Each time Jesus appeared to His disciples, His first greeting was “Peace!”
“And just as they were telling about it, Jesus Himself was suddenly standing there among them. ‘Peace be with you,’ He said.” Luke 24:36
4. Following Jesus brings peace!
“Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4:9

*To begin a relationship with Jesus...
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