

The New Testament Teaches About "Peace"

Matthew 5:9 (New Living Translation)

[Jesus]: "God blesses those who **work for peace**, for they will be called the children of God."

*Am I making efforts to bring about peace,
or am I waiting for others to do it first, for me?*

Mark 9:50 (New Living Translation)

[Jesus]: "Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? You must have the qualities of salt among yourselves and **live in peace with each other.**"

Am I a preserving influence in my environment for the cause of peace?

Luke 1:17 (New Century Version)

[The Messiah] will go before the Lord in spirit and power like Elijah. **He will make peace** between parents and their children and will bring those who are not obeying God back to the right way of thinking, to make a people ready for the coming of the Lord."

*Am I allowing Christ to bring His peace into my relationships?
Do I need to adjust my own attitudes, knowing that the return of Christ is near?*

John 14:27 (New Living Translation)

[Jesus]: "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."

*Am I seeking for peace in the right place?
Have I neglected to receive peace from the only One who can give it?
Am I looking for peace in places where it can never be found?*

Acts 10:36 (Living Bible)

I'm sure you have heard about the Good News for the people of Israel— that **there is peace with God through Jesus**, the Messiah, who is Lord of all creation.

Romans 5:1 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

Therefore, since we have been declared righteous by faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Have I found peace with God through faith in His Son?

1 Corinthians 14:33 (New Living Translation)

God is not a God of disorder but of peace, as in all the meetings of God's holy people.

Have I cultivated peace by being in right relationship with His people?

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (New Century Version)

All this is from God. Through Christ, **God made peace between us and himself, and God gave us the work of telling everyone about the peace we can have with him.** God was in Christ, **making peace between the world and himself.** In Christ, God did not hold the world guilty of its sins. And **he gave us this message of peace.** So we have been sent to speak for Christ. It is as if God is calling to you through us. We speak for Christ when we beg you to **be at peace with God.**

Is peace a "theme" in my life which brings the Good News of peace with God through Christ to others?

Galatians 5:22 (Living Bible)

When the Holy Spirit controls our lives he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, **peace**, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...

Am I yielding control of my life so that the Spirit of God can enable me to bear the fruit of peace in my life?

Ephesians 2:17 (New Century Version)

Christ came and preached peace to you who were far away from God, and to those who were near to God.

If Christ has been bringing a declaration of peace, have I been listening and paying attention?

Philippians 4:6-7 (Living Bible)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers. If you do this, **you will experience God's peace**, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. **His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest** as you trust in Christ Jesus.

*Do I focus on my worries and anxieties?
Am I ready to focus on God in prayer,
ready to allow Him to quiet my heart and spirit?*

Colossians 1:20 (New Century Version)

And through Christ, God has brought all things back to himself again — things on earth and things in heaven. **God made peace through the blood of Christ's death on the cross.**

Have I given thought to the fact that God has sought to make peace with me through the death of His Son?

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (New Century Version)

Now may God himself, the **God of peace**, make you pure, belonging only to him. May your whole self — spirit, soul, and body — be kept safe and without fault when our Lord Jesus Christ comes.

Do I understand that the peace of God is experienced in the context of living a life that is fully dedicated to God in every area of life?

2 Thessalonians 3:16 (New Living Translation)

Now may the Lord of peace himself **give you his peace at all times and in every situation**. The Lord be with you all.

Am I willing to acknowledge that the peace of God can be experienced continually, and in all circumstances?

1 Timothy 2:2 (New Century Version)

Pray for rulers and for all who have authority so that we can have quiet and **peaceful lives full of worship** and respect for God.

Have I allowed the events of this world (and their impact on me personally) to rob me of the peace that comes through my relationship with God?

2 Timothy 2:22 (New Living Translation)

Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and **peace**. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

What am I running after? What catches my attention and gains my devotion? Is the crowd I am running with building – or destroying – peace in my life?

Titus 3:1-2 (New Century Version)

Remind the believers to yield to the authority of rulers and government leaders, to obey them, to be ready to do good, to speak no evil about anyone, **to live in peace**, and to be gentle and polite to all people.

*Does my attitude give rise to rebellion, strife, and malice?
Am I ready to live intentionally with the determination to be a person of peace?
(What do my Facebook posts reveal about my attitude?
Am I a whiner and complainer?)*

Philemon 1:3 (Living Bible)

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you his blessings and his **peace**.

Am I living in such a way that God can bless me, and I can experience His peace?

Hebrews 12:14 (New Living Translation)

Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord.

*Do I understand that peace doesn't just "happen",
and that I must strive to be at peace with those around me?*

James 3:17-18 (New Living Translation)

But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also **peace loving**, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. And **those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace** and reap a harvest of righteousness.

*Am I "forward thinking" in my efforts to live a life of peace with those around me?
Am I willing to yield my will and "rights" in light of the needs of others?*

1 Peter 3:10-11 (Living Bible)

If you want a happy, good life, keep control of your tongue, and guard your lips from telling lies. Turn away from evil and do good. Try to **live in peace** even if you must run after it to catch and hold it!

How earnestly do I want peace? Am I willing to make the effort?

2 Peter 1:2 (Living Bible)

Do you want more and more of God's kindness and **peace**? Then learn to know him better and better.

*Do I honestly think I can receive the gift of peace if I have no desire to know
the One who has given the gift? Does God really deserve such ingratitude?*

1 John 3:20 (New Century Version)

This is the way we know that we belong to the way of truth. When our hearts make us feel guilty, **we can still have peace before God**. God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

*Who will we choose to trust? Our own heart (which is capable of being deceived)?
Or God (who knows absolutely everything!)?*

2 John 1:3 (New Living Translation)

Grace, mercy, and **peace**, which come from God the Father and from Jesus Christ — the Son of the Father — will continue to be with us who live in truth and love.

*Am I willing to disqualify myself from experiencing God's peace
by choosing to live a life of deception and willfully failing to love others?*

3 John 1:14 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face. **Peace be with you.**
The friends send you greetings. Greet the friends by name.

*Do I understand that peace is strengthened when we find ourselves
in the company of good Christian friends?*

Jude 1:2 (New Living Translation)

May God give you more and more mercy, **peace**, and love.

*In light of God's kindness and immeasurable love,
will I seek to know more and more of His peace in my life?*

Revelation 1:4 (New Living Translation)

This letter is from John to the seven churches in the province of Asia. Grace and **peace to you from the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come...**

*The peace of God is as enduring as He is!
Let us find our rest in His presence.*