PEACE TO THOSE ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS

Romans 15:13a May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.

Jesus Came to a World without Peace

Isaiah 59:8 The way of peace they do not know; there is no justice in their paths. They have turned them into crooked roads; no one who walks along them will know peace.

Romans 3:17 and the way of peace they do not know.

Isaiah 48:22 &57:21 “There is no peace,” says my God, “for the wicked.”

Colossians 1:21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

Christ Came to Bring Peace

Isaiah 9:6&7a For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

Luke 1:76-79 “And you my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

Luke 2:14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Acts 10:36 “You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.”

Ephesians 2:12&13 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:14-16 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

Ephesians 2:17&18 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Peace with God

Romans 5:1&2a Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

2 Corinthians 5:18&19 All this if from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 2:20&21 We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Experiencing the Peace of God

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Psalm 119:165 Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.

Isaiah 26:3 You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

Philippians 4:6&7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:8&9 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. 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.

Promoting Peace

Romans 14:19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

Ephesians 4:3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Making Peace and Bearing Fruit

James 3:13-16(NASB) Who among you us wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deed in the gentleness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

Jealousy is craving what someone else has. Ambitious people crave what comes from accomplishments, which usually means becoming more recognized or having more authority. Selfish ambition is the opposite of wisdom and humility.

James 3:17&18(NASB) But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Things to Remember

Jesus came to bring peace to a world that not only didn’t have peace, they didn’t even know how to find it.

God has always wanted peace with those He created, the enmity is in our minds because of the sinful things we do.

By dying on the cross, Jesus made it possible for us to have peace with God and with each other.

God has given us the task of reconciling people to God.

Jesus wants to give us His peace.

Loving God’s Word and Trusting God will lead to the peace of God.

Don’t worry, pray with thanksgiving, and God’s peace will guard your heart and mind. Thinking about good things promotes peace of mind.

We are called to promote peace in the Body of Christ.

Jealousy and selfish ambition destroy peace. “The seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”