



Peace of Faith

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- Peace is not the absence of conflict but the absence of inner conflict.
- Winning an argument, a fight, or even war will never fulfill the soul; the soul is fulfilled by seeking, praying and communicating peace.
- You find peace not by rearranging the circumstances of your life, but by realizing who you are in Christ.
- Too often Peace is not experienced by Christians, especially when we don't feel safe... **The safest place is in the will of God.** *Psalm 91:1-13 (MSG) You who sit down in the High God's presence, spend the night in Shaddai's shadow, Say this: "God, you're my refuge. I trust in you and I'm safe!" That's right—he rescues you from hidden traps, shields you from deadly hazards. His huge outstretched arms protect you— under them you're perfectly safe; his arms fend off all harm. Fear nothing!*

Peace of Faith: The result of God's Peace

- Reassures my heart
- Is ahead of my understanding
- Stands guard over my heart and mind

Philippians 4:6-7 Amplified Bible

6 Do not be anxious or worried about anything, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to **make your [specific] requests known to God.**
7 **And the peace of God [that peace which reassures the heart, that peace] which transcends all understanding, [that peace which] stands guard over your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [is yours].**

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- The Peace of Faith is knowing your current challenge does not have to destroy you — that challenge is there for you to discover your personal Peace from God until your change comes.

James 1:2-8 Amplified Bible

2 Consider it nothing but joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you fall into various trials. 3 **Be assured that the testing of your faith [through experience] produces endurance [leading to**

spiritual maturity, and inner peace]. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result and do a thorough work, so that you may be perfect and completely developed [in your faith], lacking in nothing. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom [to guide him through a decision or circumstance], he is to ask of [our benevolent] God, who gives to everyone generously and without rebuke or blame, and it will be given to him. 6 But he must ask [for wisdom] in faith, without doubting [God's willingness to help], for the one who doubts is like a billowing surge of the sea that is blown about and tossed by the wind. 7 For such a person ought not to think or expect that he will receive anything [at all] from the Lord, 8 being a double-minded man, unstable and restless in all his ways [in everything he thinks, feels, or decides].

- The Peace of God is activated when we (Believers) grow in the understanding that His Grace is greater than our inadequacies, our failures, and most importantly our sins.

2 Corinthians 12:9 Contemporary English Version

But he replied, ***"My gift of undeserved grace is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak."*** So if Christ keeps giving me his power, I will gladly brag about how weak I am.

- **Peace is a stillness of your spirit being one with the Holy Spirit.** It's a calmness and assurance that His presence is in you. The opposite of peace is worry and unrest. When you're not at peace, things can get ugly. And when you don't have peace, you seek it. You seek it through intercession, prayer, the Word, and fasting, and you wait. When you seek God, specifically for wisdom, waiting until He answers you is so key. Sometimes you have to wait awhile, but when He answers you, He will give you peace. That peace comes through the Holy Spirit, who ministers, counsels, and comforts you. When you are lined up with the Word, walk in it, and obeying it, God gives you peace.
- Taking the time to listen and wait on God to give you His peace is so important. *"I will listen to what God the LORD will say; He promises peace to His people, His saints—but let them not return to folly"* (Psalm 85:8). God promises us His Peace. But do we forget to seek Him for it? I think back over the times when I moved ahead when I didn't have a peace, and it wasn't pretty. I moved ahead because I thought I had to or I was tired of the situation; there are several times that has happened, and when I did, it was a mistake and there were clear consequences.
- We are instructed in God's Word to *"seek peace and pursue it"* and to *"pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart"*, and to *"be diligent to be found in peace"* (1 Peter 3:11, 2 Timothy 2:22, 2 Peter 3:14). It's very important to seek God on decisions and in different circumstances; in the midst of it, when you seek Him, He gives you peace. Sometimes you won't receive understanding; but you have His Peace, which surpasses your understanding. There have been so many times in my life I had such incredible peace, and I could not understand why except for that God had given it to me; only God can create such a sensation of confidence, assurance, joy and rest all rolled into one as the odds still looked like they were against me. At the risk of sounding

melodramatic, I have almost felt like the 3 Hebrew boys walking in the fire; only for the result of them being in the midst of Jesus...in the fire! Dan 3:16-18

- **Peace is God's Presence and Spirit in you.** Galatians 5:22 (AMP) says, "But **the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us]** is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] **peace**, patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], kindness, goodness, faithfulness,..."
- Peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit that we should have in our lives as we abide in God (Galatians 5:22, John 15:4-5). Isaiah 32:17 says, "The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever." Romans 14:17 says that God's kingdom is a matter of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit!
- Peace is not elusive or evasive; it is accessible to all and any who desire the free gift of the Love of Christ. God gave His Son (Jesus) His Spirit to offer as a gift to all of us. We could only receive the gift of God's Spirit which is Holy— upon the the death of Christ Jesus.
- **When God gives you this Peace, you have to receive it with the measure of faith you were given** (Rom 12:3). You have to trust Him. Not because you understand, but because you know Who it is you are trusting- that He is faithful. Isaiah 26:3 says, "*You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.*" Sometimes you can move forward with faith alone, but it is so much better to have God's Peace connected to your faith. 1 Timothy 6:6 in the BBE says, "But **true faith, with peace of mind, is of great profit.**"
- "*For God is not a God of confusion, but of peace.*" (1 Corinthians 14:33). When you don't understand but you have peace, you won't be confused. God's Peace is what puts your heart and mind at rest. And you have this Peace because God is ministering to you through His presence. Throughout the entire Bible, God is identified as "*the God of peace*" (Romans 15:33, Hebrews 13:20, Philippians 4:9) and Jesus is called "*Prince of Peace*" (Isaiah 6:9). *He Himself is our peace* (Ephesians 2:14).

Peace of Faith: The peace of faith is knowing and having confident trust in God

1 John 5:14-15 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

14 And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to and hears us. 15 And if (since) we [positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him.

Peace Confessions

- "The LORD lift up His countenance upon me, and give me peace." Numbers 6:26
- "I thank You because You keep me in perfect Peace, my mind is stayed on You, and I totally trust, believe and have confidence in You." Isaiah 26:3

- "Peace You leave with me, Your peace You give to me; not as the world gives do You give to me. I will let not my heart be troubled, neither will I let it be afraid." John 14:27
- "When my ways please the LORD, I make my enemies to be at peace with me." Proverbs 16:7
- "These things You have spoken to me, that in You, I may have peace. In the world I will have tribulation; but I am of good cheer, because You have overcome the world." John 16:33
- "You have redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was against me, for there were many against me." Psalm 55:18
- "For length of days and long life and peace will be added to me." Proverbs 3:2
- "All my children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the Peace of my children." Isaiah 54:13
- "You know the thoughts that You think toward me, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give me a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11
- "You will bring health and healing; You will heal me and reveal to me the abundance of peace and truth." Jeremiah 33:6
- "Therefore, having been justified by faith, I have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1
- "I am not carnally minded because it is death, I am spiritually minded which brings me life and peace." Romans 8:6
- "I let the Peace of God rule in my heart, to which also I was called into one body; and be thankful." Colossians 3:15
- "Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in Peace because I make peace with those who will receive." James 3:18