



The Peace of God – Part II

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- *Uncertain future*
- *Unresolved conflicts*
- *Unrealistic expectations*

What is peace?

- *Peace is not an absence of conflict. It is the absence of inner conflict.*
- *Your private obedience determines your public victories.*
- *It is the agreement of the Spirit of God and your spirit!*

How do I get peace?

Galatians 5:22-23 (Contemporary English Version)

22 God's Spirit makes us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, 23 gentle, and self-controlled. There is no law against behaving in any of these ways.

Galatians 5:22-23 (New Living Translation)

22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Who has peace?

Psalm 119:165 (Amplified Bible)

165 Great peace have they who love Your law; nothing shall offend them or make them stumble.

Psalm 119:165 (New Living Translation)

165 Those who love your instructions have great peace and do not stumble.

Psalm 119:165 (Contemporary English Version)

165 You give peace of mind to all who love your Law. Nothing can make them fall.



God gave me peace! – Did I receive it or did I give it back?

John 14:27 (The Message)

25-27 "I'm telling you these things while I'm still living with you. The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. He will remind you of all the things I have told you. I'm leaving you well and whole. That's my parting gift to you. Peace. I don't leave you the way you're used to being left—feeling abandoned, bereft. So don't be upset. Don't be distraught.

John 14:27 (New Living Translation)

27 "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.

How do I get back my peace?

Isaiah 26:3 (Amplified Bible)

3 You will guard him and keep him in perfect and constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and its character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, and hopes confidently in You.

Isaiah 26:3 (New Living Translation)

3 You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

Isaiah 26:3 (Contemporary English Version)

3 The LORD gives perfect peace to those whose faith is firm.

How do I get back my peace?

Romans 8:6 (New Living Translation)

6 So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

Romans 8:6 (Amplified Bible)

6 Now the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death [death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever].



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Philippians 4:6-7 (New King James Version)

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (Amplified Bible)

6 Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God. 7 And God's peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

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"What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family."

-- Mother Teresa

If there is to be peace in the world,

There must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations,

There must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities,

There must be peace between neighbors.

If there is to be peace between neighbors,

There must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home,

There must be peace in the heart.

-- Lao Tzu

- *Peace is not a feeling.*
- *The problem with peace is faith.*