

May the Lord Give You Peace

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- “And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 23 Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, ‘This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: 24 “The LORD bless you and keep you; 25 The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; 26 The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.” 27 So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.””

We Understand Peace In The 21st Century As:

- Peace - “a state of harmony, tranquility; the absence of hostility, the absence of mental stress or anxiety.”
- It is not the way the Bible uses the word.
- We make “peace” a passive state beyond our ability to generate or control.

In The Bible, The Word Peace Is Translated From:

- “Shalom (Hebrew) - completeness, soundness, welfare, peace” (*BDB Hebrew Dictionary*)
- “Eirene (Greek) - often refers to the inner tranquility and poise of the Christian whose trust is in God through Christ” (*Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary*)

Not Everyone Has Peace

- The wicked
 - Isa. 48:22 - “There is no peace,” says the LORD, “for the wicked.”
 - Isa. 59:2 - “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.”
 - Isa. 57:20-21 - “But the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt. 21 ‘There is no peace, Says my God, ‘for the wicked.’”

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- Troubled disciples
 - Luke 10:41-42 - “And Jesus answered and said to her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.’”
 - Luke 8:14 - “Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.”

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- Troubled disciples
 - 1Tim. 6:10-11 - “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.”

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- The dedicated servants of Christ
 - 2Cor. 2:12-13 - “Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened to me by the Lord, 13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I did not find Titus my brother; but taking my leave of them, I departed for Macedonia.”
 - 2Cor. 7:5 - “For indeed, when we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were troubled on every side. Outside were conflicts, inside were fears.”

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 - 2Cor. 11:28-29 - “Besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. 29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation?”
 - Phil. 2:25-26 - “Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need; 26 since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.”

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- The dedicated servants of Christ
 - Acts 20:37-38 - “Then they all wept freely, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him, 38 sorrowing most of all for the words which he spoke, that they would see his face no more.”

Jesus Came To Bring Peace

- Foretold

- Isa. 9:6 - “For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
- Luke 1:76-79 - “And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, 77 To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of their sins, 78 Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; 79 To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace.”

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- Luke 2:8-14 - “Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.’ 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 ‘Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!’”

Jesus Came To Bring Peace

- Proclaimed

- John 14:27 - “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”
- John 16:33 - “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”
- Acts 10:36 - “The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ--He is Lord of all”

The Peace The Lord Supplies

- Peace with God
 - Rom. 5:1 - “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”
 - In the absence of peace with God, no real peace is possible.

The Peace The Lord Supplies

- Peace with humankind
 - Gal. 3:28 - “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

The Peace The Lord Supplies

- Peace with yourself
 - Phil. 4:6-7 - “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.”

The Peace The Lord Supplies

- Peace with our families

- Col. 3:18-21 - “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19

- Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them. 20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.”

The Peace The Lord Supplies

- Peace with our brethren
 - 1Peter 3:8-9 - “Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; 9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.”
 - 1Cor. 14:33 - “For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.”

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- Peace with our brethren
 - John 17:20-23 - “Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.” (KJV)

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- Peace with our enemies
 - Matt. 5:44 - “But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you”
 - Luke 23:34 - “Then Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”

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- Isa. 26:3 - “You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.”
- 2Thes. 3:16 - “Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all.”