

Keys to Peace
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We cannot pray for peace, it has already been given to us. **(Romans 5:1): Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

When we receive Jesus, we receive peace. Peace is God's main message and should be ours. The Gospel is peace.

Ephesians 6:15: and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace

Matthew 5:9: Blessed are the peacemakers for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Ephesians 2:17: And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near

John 14:27: Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Jesus preached peace and reconciliation: **2 Corinthians 5:19: that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.**

Peace is our guide. God's means of guiding us.

Colossians 3:15: And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Hebrews 12:14: Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.

Peace produces health: **Proverbs 14:30: A sound heart is life to the body, but envy is rottenness to the bones.**

Proverbs 17:22: A merry heart doeth good like a medicine, but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

Philippians 4:4-6 shows 5 things to do to be in peace while verse 7 shows us the result.

4. **Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say, rejoice!**
5. **Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.**
6. **Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.**

So the 5 Keys to Peace are:

1. Be a rejoicing and joyful person. What is your attitude? In the midst of trouble, praise God.
2. Be considerate of others. Stop being so selfish and thinking only of yourself.
3. Live always knowing that Jesus sees everything you do. In all you do, do everything as unto the Lord **(Colossians 3:23) And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.**

4. Don't worry about anything.. God is your strength and deliverer. He will never leave you nor forsake you. God already has an answer for everything you will go through.
5. Pray in every situation and give thanks. **1 Thessalonians 5:17: Pray without ceasing.**

The Result:

(verse 7): and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding , will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Solomon did not have peace. In spite of no wars during his reign, and he had everything money could buy, including hundreds of wives and concubines, and servants, he had no peace. In fact, he had 60 soldiers around his bed at night because of fear that someone would come do him harm. **(Song of Solomon 3:7,8: Behold, it was Solomon's couch, with 60 valiant men around it, of the valiant of Israel. They all hold swords, being expert in war, every man has his sword on his thigh because of fear in the night.**

Most of our fear is imagined.

In contrast, Solomon's father, King David, who had enemies and many wars, wrote many psalms about fear. Yes, he had fear, but then realized that God was on his side.

Psalm 27:3 says My heart will not fear: **Though an army encamp against me, My heart will not fear.**

Psalm 27:1: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

God is our strength and our friend forever: **Psalm 73:25: Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.**