

The Peace of God

2/21/26

- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Title – “The Peace of God”
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- There are many verses in the Bible that describe “Peace”
 - “50 Bible Verses About Peace” – biblestudytools.com – 10/3/23
 - “20 Encouraging Bible Verses About the Peace of God” – iBelieve.com – 1/20/22
 - “20 Bible Verses for When You Need Peace” – duetojoy.com – 6/4/21
 - “10 Key Bible Verses on Peace” – crossway.org – 12/5/20
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- Here is a positive promise about peace

John 14:27 the Son of God said: “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you, not as the world gives [peace] do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

- At the Wednesday-night Bible study, I continued with my series about Proverbs 6:16-19 – involving the 7 things that God hates (and also realizing 7 things that God loves)
In that study, I read verses in Matthew (Matthew 10:34-39) which reveal that the Son of God does not always bring peace on earth and (in fact) sometimes brings a sword
Hence, His righteous action (He cannot sin) plays a role in the sowing of discord
Consider the following two questions.
 - How does God sometimes “bring a sword” to His children?
 - Why does God sometimes “bring a sword” to His children?

Isaiah 45:6-7 “I am the Lord, and there is no other” – “I make peace & create calamity”
Matt. 10:34 not bring peace on earth – not bring peace, but a sword
35 against father – against mother – against mother-in-law
36 a man’s enemies will be those of his own household
37 he who loves father or mother more than Me = is not worthy of Me
38 does not take his cross & follow after Me = is not worthy of Me
39 finds his life, will lose it – loses his life (for My sake) will find it

- Let’s look at a few more scriptures – that talk about God’s peace

John 16:33 the Son of God said: “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.”

Rom. 5:1-2 Paul wrote: "Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God)."

3-5 We also glory in tribulations
Tribulations produce perseverance
Perseverance produces character
Character produces hope
Hope does not disappoint

2 Cor. 11:4 people argue – another Jesus – a different spirit – a different gospel
Eph. 2:13 Paul wrote: "Now in Christ Jesus you (who once were far off) have been brought near by the blood of Christ"

14-16 "For He Himself is our peace, who has made both [Jew & Gentile] one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation – having abolished in His flesh the enmity (that is, the law of command-ments contained in the ordinances) so as to create in Himself one new man from the two – thus making peace – and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross – thereby putting to death the enmity."

17 "And He came and preached peace to you, who were afar off and to those who were near."

18 "For through Him, we both [Jew and Gentile] have access by one Spirit to the Father."

Phil. 4:6-7 Paul wrote: "Be anxious for nothing. But in everything by prayer and supplication (with thanksgiving), let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God (which surpasses all understanding) will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Rev. 1:4-6 John wrote: "Grace to you and peace from Him (who is and who was and who is to come) and from the seven Spirits (who are before His throne) and from Jesus Christ (the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler over the kings of the earth). To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood and made us kings and priests to God and Father – to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."