

# Peace

John 14 : 25 - 27, 16 : 29 - 33, 20 : 19 - 23

1: The peace of God: See John 14 and 16.

In the Bible the word for peace, 'shalom' never means simply the absence of trouble. It means everything which makes for our highest good. The peace which the world offers us is the peace of escape, the peace which comes from the avoidance of trouble and from refusing to face things., The peace which Jesus offers us is the peace of conquest and does not depend on outward circumstances.

So any experience whether it be sorrow, danger, suffering, loss or grief or anything else can take God's peace from us. Jesus still loves us and trusts us, no matter what happens.

2: Peace with God: See John 20:

To have peace with God means that you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and that he died for you on the Cross, and has given you eternal life through his resurrection. That conviction of faith means that you are forgiven and your relationship with God is positive, resulting in peace with God.

If you are searching for peace with God, one of the ways you can find that is to use the Four Spiritual laws. The four laws emphasise the only way that a person can be assured of forgiveness and acceptance by God is by accepting that Christ has died and risen again to bring a person to God. It gives this **prayer to pray**:

"Lord Jesus, I want to know You personally. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Saviour and Lord. Thank You for forgiving me of my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be."

Galations 5 : 22 - 26 NIV

Fruits of the Spirit.

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness,  
Gentleness, Self-control.

*These are the main points of a sermon preached by Rex Chamberlain on 29th Sept  
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