

The Prince Of Peace

2 Thess 3:16-17

INTRODUCTION

1. **Peace:** a word conveying wonderful concepts...
 - a. "a state of harmony, tranquility"
 - b. "the absence of hostility, the absence of mental stress or anxiety"
2. In the Bible, the word peace is used to translate...
 - a. **Shalom** (Hebrew) - completeness, soundness, welfare, peace - **BDB Hebrew Dictionary**
 - b. **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**

BODY:

I. NOT EVERYONE ENJOYS PEACE

A. THE WICKED...

1. "There is no peace, says the Lord, for the wicked" - [Isa 48:22](#)
2. The sins of the wicked separates one from God - [Isa 59:2](#)
3. Sinful conduct destroys friendships and familial relationships
- [Ga 5:19-21](#)
4. Sin prevents true peace of mind - cf. [Isa 57:20-21](#)
-- **The wicked are in dire need for peace**

B. THE TROUBLED DISCIPLE...

1. Even faithful disciples can become troubled - Martha, [Lk 10:41](#)
 2. Disciples lose their peace when they:
 - a. Fail to simplify their priorities - [Lk 10:42](#)
 - b. Become choked by cares, riches, and pleasures - [Lk 8:14](#)
 - c. Succumb to the desire to be rich - [1Ti 6:10-11](#)
- **The righteous are often in need of peace**

C. THE CONCERNED SERVANT...

1. Who worries about their brethren, like Paul - [2Co 2:12-13](#); [7:5](#);
2. Who becomes distressed with concern, like Epaphroditus - **Php 2:**

25-26

3. Who sorrows when hearing bad news, like elders - [Ac 20:37-38](#)
-- **Even the most dedicated servants find themselves in need Of peace at times**

II. JESUS CAME TO BRING PEACE

A. AS FORETOLD...

1. By Isaiah, the Messianic prophet - [Isa 9:6](#)
2. By Zacharias, at the birth of John - [Lk 1:76-79](#)
3. By the heavenly host, at the birth of Jesus - [Lk 2:8-14](#)
-- **The Prince of Peace came to bring peace to men of good will**

B. AS PROCLAIMED...

1. By Jesus Himself, to His disciples - [Jn 14:27](#); [16:33](#)
2. By His apostles, as they taught the lost - [Ac 10:36](#)
-- **The Prince of Peace offers peace that the world cannot give!**

III. THE PEACE THAT JESUS OFFERS

A. PEACE WITH GOD...

1. Jesus makes it possible for us to be a peace with God
2. [Ro 5:1](#) **Without peace with God, no real peace is possible**

B. PEACE WITH MANKIND...

1. Jesus breaks down the barriers between mankind
2. [Ga 3:28](#) **Jesus makes peace between mankind**

C. PEACE WITH ONESELF...

1. Jesus offers peace within, unfazed by the world
2. [Php 4:6-7](#) **provides peace that surpasses all understanding**

D. PEACE WITH FAMILIES...

1. Jesus provides peace for families seeking love and stability
2. [Col 3:18-21](#) **Jesus' doctrine leads to peace in the family**

E. PEACE WITH BRETHREN...

1. Jesus provides peace between brethren
2. [1Pe 3:8-12](#) **Jesus' will lead to harmony among brethren**

F. PEACE WITH CHURCHES...

1. Jesus offers peace for the ills of denominationalism
2. [Jn 17:20-23](#); [1Co 14:33](#) **the prayer of Jesus is the cure for denominationalism**

G. PEACE WITH ENEMIES...

1. Jesus shows us how to have peace with our enemies
2. [Mt 5:44](#); [Lk 23:34](#) **Through precept and example, Jesus shows us how to make peace**

CONCLUSION

1. We examined such things as ...
 - a. Making peace with **God**
 - b. Making peace with **mankind**
 - c. Making peace with **oneself**
 - d. Making peace with **families**
 - e. Making peace with **brethren**
 - f. Making peace with **churches**
 - g. Making peace with **enemies**
2. Do you have such peace? Or has...
 - a. **Wicked practices** prevented you from finding peace?
 - b. **Misplaced priorities** robbed you of your peace?
 - c. **Bona fide concerns** filled your heart with anxiety?

Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is willing to give you His peace. As Paul prayed...

"Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way." 2 Thess3:16