

The Fruit of the Spirit Is Peace

Text: John 14:26, 27; Romans 8

Jesus Peace Is Conditional

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to men on whom His favor rests.

The truth is: Peace is not promised to everyone, and is not available merely for the asking.

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Ref: Phi.4:4-7

Paul is saying that peaceful isn't for everyone, but it is available for those who are in "Christ Jesus."

The peace that transcends all understanding is supernatural. It is beyond our explanation! It is Spirit delivered!

Ref: Luke 12:51

We need balance to avoid stress in work, exercise, diet, recreation, worship, and relationships to keep us in harmony. Over commitments can knock us out of tune and rob the music from our lives.

The peace Jesus offers is conditional. It's a conditional promise. "Peace will come to those on whom his favor rests." You will experience peace if it's your primary objective.

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What are the ingredients for making peace? First into the kettle is a lot of love, next comes the result of love, trust. Then you add joy.

Peace requires hard work. If peace is really what you want, you must begin the process of reconciliation with God.

Right living (righteousness) is fundamental to peace. A right relationship with God should be our top priority.

Peace is not the absence of trouble. Peace is the presence of God. "Peace to men on whom His favor rests." John 14:27

You can't buy peace. You can't self-medicate peace. You can't obtain it by some ritual or ceremony.

It's as if Jesus said: Accept my gift of peace received through faith and lived out in a dynamic relationship with me. Ref: Romans 8:6, 14:7

The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We are more than conquerors. Romans 8:26, 37

The believer's peace of mind comes from the consciousness that the Spirit of God is always with him no matter where he is. Rom. 8:15, 16

As children of the Living God we have no reason to live in stress, or worry, or be afraid.

How is Christ Peace bestowed? His peace is given to those who are in relationship with Christ by the Holy Spirit.

Our peace centers in Christ. Secure in our faith in Christ, we see our anxieties and injuries vanish. Ref: John 16:33; Eph.2:14; Col. 3:15

Matthew 11:28, 29 KJV Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give your rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation.”
Psalm 51:10