

“Peace”

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fruit

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.



Make religion attractive,
make good men wish it were
true, and then show that it is.
Worthy of reverence because
it really understands human
nature. Attractive because it
promises true good.

Anxiety in America

- 42.5 million Americans suffer from some form of anxiety disorder
- 79% of Americans report moderate to severe anxiety
- 47% of Americans experience anxiety regularly
- 42% of college students receiving counseling services listed anxiety as the primary problem

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.



Peace
with God



Luke 19:41-42

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes."

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

Peace
of God

Matthew 6:25-27

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”

John 16:33

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Peace

with Others

When we have peace with God
and as a result experience the
peace of God, it naturally leads
to our becoming peacemakers
in this world.

Galatians 5:20

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; **hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions**



God hates sin not just because it violates his law but, more substantively, because it violates shalom, because it breaks the peace, because it interferes with the way things are supposed to be.

... In the Bible, shalom means *universal flourishing, wholeness, and delight* – a rich state of affairs in which natural needs are satisfied and natural gifts fruitfully



employed, a state of affairs that inspires joyful wonder as its Creator and Savior opens doors and welcomes the creatures in whom he delights.

... In sum, shalom is God's design for creation and redemption; sin is blamable human vandalism of these great realities and therefore an affront to their architect and builder.

The goal of salvation is not to get you to heaven when you die, but the restoration of shalom in all of creation.



Romans 14:1-4, 13, 19, 15:7

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does,

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for God has accepted them. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

... Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put

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any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. ... Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

... Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.



Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Matthew 5:9