

PEACE

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Dedication

I dedicate this book to my Father in heaven.

God has brought me through some real struggles and I have realized over the years that without HIS PEACE in my life and HIS CARING for me I would not have made it through. I pray that you enjoy this book and that it will lead you to a life full of peace, the peace that passes all understanding.

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Cover Picture

“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in one body.
And be thankful.” Colossians 3:15

This is one of the first places I went camping at
in California – Goat Rock. It looks like
camping isn't allowed there anymore. The
rock, and a parking lot that wasn't there years
ago, is on the right side.

Introduction

We are all searching for PEACE am I right?
When we are younger we don't even realize
that is what we are looking for but as the years
take their toll we know that we need real peace
in our life to bring happiness and joy.

This book talks of Peace and how to obtain it,
how to keep it and how to make it work for
others around us.

Scriptures pertaining to Peace are listed at the
back of the book for your reference and study.

Definition of PEACE

Peace noun

1.

freedom from disturbance; quiet and tranquility.

"you can while away an hour or two in peace and seclusion"

synonyms: tranquility, calm, restfulness, peace and quiet, peacefulness, quiet, quietness; More

2.

freedom from or the cessation of war or violence.

"the Straits were to be open to warships in time of peace"

synonyms: law and order, lawfulness, order, peacefulness, peaceableness, harmony, nonviolence; formal concord

"we pray for peace"

exclamation

1.

used as a greeting.

2.

used as an order to remain silent.

HOW DO WE OBTAIN PEACE

As you start to read I want you to realize that this book is written to help you understand the meaning of peace and how it can be obtained in your life. I can hear some of you say right now “Is she for real?”. Yes I am, see for many years I searched for happiness and peace and just couldn’t seem to find it. I attended church regularly and sang the songs of worship. Prayed daily and yet something was missing in my life and I knew it. I still felt empty inside and didn’t know why. I would often mention this to other Christian friends and they looked at me like I had two heads. They could never understand why I felt that way. Well it took years and then one day I realized what was missing.

I always seemed restless inside even though I had given my life over to the Lord. There was an uneasy feeling that I couldn’t explain at all. When I started to look at the Bible and read it more things became pretty clear to me. That feeling of restlessness was my flesh fighting the spirit and yet I didn’t even know it.

How did I find out? Well the more I read about God and His Son the more my eyes were opened to the scriptures. I saw that for me to have peace in my life I HAD TO DO SOMETHING... That something was total surrender to GOD... Not 99% but 100 %... I prayed more and asked God to take over my life and bring me to the place where I really trusted in Him. Now don't get me wrong it was difficult at first to let go of the wheel and let Him take over. We are human beings always have this feeling that we need to be in control of things, especially of ourselves and that just isn't the way it is. GOD has to be in control and our life will be so much easier.

When you are looking for peace you will find that you start to get tested and sometimes by people you never thought would do it to you but they do. We get aggravated at times and want to react in a way that is not right. Secret is to realize that what is coming your way is only going to make you stronger down the road.

When Jesus was leaving this world he told his disciples... MY PEACE I AM GIVING YOU... NOT LIKE THE WORLD GIVES... HE told us this for a reason so that we would know that there is a peace that is far greater than anything we ever could experience here on earth. It is HIS PEACE.

Now let's just say you have a big decision to make and you really are not sure what to do. Well, first you must pray about it. What I do often is pray and yet also write down the pros and cons of the situation. See God gave us a brain to use too, but He always has the final say. After praying and looking the situation over I wait... When I feel HIS PEACE in my heart then I move on it the way I feel He wants me to. It always works out for me. There was times years ago that I would rush into something really thinking it was God that was leading. I never had a great amount of Peace about my decisions but I used to feel that I was going the right way, when actually I was not.

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

This scripture is so good for it tells us that we will be called the Children of God if we keep peace with others. That tells me to die to self and do what God wants us to do.

Matthew 10:13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.

I remember having a Hannah House at this church. It all seemed so good and yet many times I did not feel peace there like I thought I should have. It was terrible. I didn't do anything about it at first because I used to think that it was just me being picky. Sadly though as time went by I realized that I was in the wrong place. I still didn't do anything about it until it got so uncomfortable for me that I couldn't take it any longer.

Peace

A decorative flourish consisting of several overlapping loops and swirls, rendered in a light gray color, positioned below the word "Peace".

I played the piano there at that church too and one day I went to sit down to play the intro music as the church people were coming in for service. Well, there was a CD playing. I didn't think much of it but when the Pastor stood up to lead in singing, another CD started to play and I felt so stupid sitting there at the piano doing nothing. The whole service was like that. Afterwards I went to talk to the Pastor but she walked right by me. I couldn't understand her actions so just kind of let it go. Well for two more weeks it went like that and the fourth Sunday I decided to really seek God about it. See, I loved the people there who attended the church and I really didn't want to leave. God had other plans for me and quickly told me to walk away. I realized that day that I had put off listening to His voice and tried to fix things myself, but by doing that I had no peace in my heart. So the secret is to LISTEN to what HE is telling you and when you obey His voice, Peace will start to flow.

Matthew 10:34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

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Matthew 26:63 But Jesus held his peace, And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

Sometimes situations arise that we just have to be silent. Just like this scripture in Matthew 26, Jesus remained silent. We have that feeling inside of us that is peaceful. I have had it many times and there have been times when I didn't even understand how I was so much at rest when everything around me was in turmoil.

Mark 4:39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

Isn't it wonderful to know that when Jesus spoke even the storm obeyed His voice. Immediately the wind stopped and there was calm. We serve a mighty God and sometimes we don't even believe it. That is why it is so good to read the Scriptures and find out just how amazing He is.

Mark 9:50 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

Our world is in a terrible situation right now, there is fighting and hatred all over the place. The police are being killed by those they protect and the blacks are killing themselves over drug deals. Just today another kid was shot, he didn't die but was sitting on the porch with his mother. There had to be some feud going on that no one knew about. The Bible is so clear on having peace with everyone and yet not many are listening at all.

Luke 1:79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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FOR
PEACE

What really will sustain us? I know PEACE for sure will do that. See when you are at peace inside, not much can change you and if you do change it is only because you have let the circumstances do it. I remember years ago when I did drugs, I would stop the drugs for about 30 days to eat and get myself healthy again or so I thought. I was 103 pounds and not looking too good. But what I noticed is that after just a few days I was restless inside. I managed to tell myself I needed to just rest and eat, which I did, but after time I got worse and had to go and do more drugs. I was searching for something and yet all the time it was right in front of me. "PEACE"

Luke 2:14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

God wants us to be at peace. Most sickness comes from stress and worry, at least that is what is said. Heart attacks and all other deceases are caused by not having peace in our life. If we really believed that Almighty God was taking care of us and that we could give Him all our cares, we would have peace in every situation around us. Sad how we let it go and forget about Him.

Luke 7:50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

Now here is a woman who got healed and what does God tell her.. That her faith has saved her and she is to go IN PEACE. In other words go and don't let anything rob you of your peace and joy. Peace is pretty important for sure. I know that when I don't have peace I know I am on the wrong track or in the wrong place. I can feel even my body acting up on me.

Luke 10:5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

Luke 10:6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.

Have you ever went into someone's home and felt so uneasy. You may not even realize it till you sit down and then it hits you. You know something is definitely wrong but you just can't point a finger at it. I have went into homes like that and I usually leave as quick as I got there. I don't like that feeling anymore of unrest.

Luke 24:36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

One thing I know for sure is that Jesus wants us to be at Peace inside. We can think better when we are and we tend to turn from our situation and look to Jesus to take care of us.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

I think this is one of my favorite scriptures. JESUS is leaving peace with us. HIS PEACE He is giving... are we going to accept it or are we still going to try to figure things out ourselves.. I know I need and want peace. What about you? Then He goes on to say, Don't let your heart be troubled. See without peace we are troubled inside and then fear sets in too. Before you know it you are in a mess inside and crying out to God for help, but He is telling us how to get help.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

This is so true, the world is full of tribulation and it is getting worse. The other day I was walking home around 5 pm, it wasn't dark out at all and I heard gunshots go off. At first I thought it was fire crackers but then they went off again and I knew it was a gun. After four shots that were pretty close to me as I walked I heard two men laughing. I figured they were trying to scare me and I decided not to run. Then the fifth and six shot was fired and one hit a pole right above my head. I still walked calmly and guess what I did have peace inside of me too, there was no fear. What it did do was make me realize that at any moment we could be gone from this world. We must be ready if that should happen. If you have never accepted Jesus Christ into your life it is time to do that. One day it may be too late. I have heard people say that they have plenty of time and yet I stood by this man's coffin a week later, he had been killed in a car crash. He never knew his time would be up as he was young. On his 21st birthday he was buried. Please don't put it off.

John 20:19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

I often think how that the disciples walked with Jesus for three years and yet they were still afraid of things, they saw the miracles and all that Jesus could do but their flesh at times was very weak. Here they were all together but afraid. Fear spreads you know. If one person is afraid and you give in to that you too will start to feel afraid. I wrote a book not too long ago on our words. Have you ever been in a room talking to someone and they are telling you all the bad that is going on and then all of a sudden you start to feel afraid and don't even know why... I have. When JESUS comes in there is peace.

John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

Here is Jesus once again talking about peace. He says PEACE be to you and then He tells them that His Father had sent Him and He was sending them out too.

Acts 18:9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

Here we have the word Afraid and Peace in the same scripture. Paul had a vision from God and it was to NOT BE AFRAID, but to SPEAK.. God sometimes will give us a dream or vision and if we follow through on it we will find that we will be blessed... Many times I think we are like Paul and are afraid to say anything.. But here God is saying not to keep quiet.

Romans 2:10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:

I want to walk in peace, honour and glory for my master. I want to make Him proud of me. Many times I have failed Him but I know that if I keep striving to serve Him He will be happy, then others will get to know Him too.

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

There is a peace we get when we have faith in Christ. Faith is believing in Him and knowing that what He says He will do. We can always count on Him no matter what. When we are in that place then we have peace.

Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Where do our thoughts go? Do we think like the world thinks? Do we want to do what others who do not love God do? I guess if you want to die then we do... But the word tells us if we think God's way we will have life and PEACE. Now who would want to do it any other way? Not me

Romans 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Romans 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Many times it is so hard to be at peace with everyone. I find that in Ministry that each day there is a new challenge to face. Many times I have peace with others and yet there is always that certain one that seems to rub me the wrong way. Now there are times when I can have peace in that situation but many times I fail and the old flesh comes out. If that has ever happened to you, take a minute and ask God to help you in that situation. He will and you will find that your soul will be peaceful once again.

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

As true believers our life should show a different style than any other. We should be different than others who do not follow Christ. This scripture tells us that JOY, PEACE and RIGHTEOUSNESS should be in us... If any of these are missing there is something wrong for sure.

Romans 14:19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

Romans 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Romans 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

These words really jumped out at me... THE GOD OF PEACE... Just think about that for a moment. A peaceful God, doesn't that make you feel relaxed inside. It does me. I don't like being around people who are always jumping around wondering what to do or where to go. I love being around people who are peaceful. What about you?

1 Corinthians 1:3 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 7:15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.

GOD wants us to be at peace, that is what this scripture says.. He has called us to be peaceful. Our prayer should be that we get so full of God that we are at peace all the time.

1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

1 Corinthians 16:11 Let no man therefore despise him: but conduct him forth in peace, that he may come unto me: for I look for him with the brethren.

2 Corinthians 1:2 Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Galatians 1:3 Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ,

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Galatians 6:16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Ephesians 1:2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

There are many scriptures about PEACE. I have only listed a few but it sure makes you think about what God is trying to tell us. If we do not have peace like I have said earlier in this book something is wrong with our walk. Peace should flow through us. You know I never knew that there was so much of dying to self involved in the Christian life. Never was really taught it at all, even though I was raised in church. Now as I get into the word of God I see where we have to totally give ourselves over to Christ. Let go of our own desires and wants and leave them at the Cross. Now I know some of you are saying “But, GOD wants us to enjoy life” Yes He does want us to be happy and He says He will give us the desires of our heart too. But first we must give Him all of us. I know for myself I get real peace when I give up and let God have His way. It might be hard for you to understand but it really works.

I would not trade my life for anything right now, money, fame, anything... No, I don't have a large bank account but my needs are met. No, I don't own my own home but I have a roof over my head. I could go on and on about me... but what about you? Do you have real peace? Maybe you are in a relationship that is very challenging and unhappy. I know many who are. Give it all over to God and let Him work it out. Seek His face and see what you have to do to make things better. You know love can sure change things and yet it is so hard to do especially when you are in a relationship and the other person is causing a lot of the problems. TRY and show love, what will happen is that peace will enter you and you will start to look at the situation in a different way. I know I did it..

Ephesians 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Ephesians 6:23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

I just love reading these scriptures on PEACE. Stop each time you read one and meditate on it. You will understand peace so much better.

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

When we have peace from God in our hearts it makes it so much easier to understand what is going on around us. Peace takes us out of this worlds confusion, out of our own thoughts and we function so much better.

Philippians 4:9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Colossians 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Does God's peace rule in your heart?

Colossians 3:15 says to LET the peace of GOD rule ... What rules your heart? Read the remaining scriptures on peace and then really take time to think what you LET take control over you. If you have issues with anger, self, jealousy, unforgiveness etc. Give them over to God and LET peace RULE YOU. You will see change come and it will be so good. Peace will bring JOY and HAPPINESS because you will know that GOD has your back no matter what is going on in your life. Now read the other scriptures and see what you think.

1 Thessalonians 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

1 Thessalonians 5:13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1:2 Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

1 Timothy 1:2 Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Timothy 2:2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

2 Timothy 1:2 To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Timothy 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Titus 1:4 To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Philemon 1:3 Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

James 3:18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

1 Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

1 Peter 3:11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

1 Peter 5:14 Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

2 Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

2 Peter 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

2 John 1:3 Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

3 John 1:14 But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to thee. Our friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

Jude 1:2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

Revelation 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

Years ago the Hippies would use the peace sign to everyone. They lived a life of ease or so they thought. It wasn't a genuine peace from above for sure and many had to use drugs to find the peace they were searching for. Isn't it great to know that we need no drug to give us peace all we need is Jesus living inside of us, bringing us joy and happiness. God has made this possible by sending His only Son = JESUS to die just for you. How blessed we are if we only realized it. I see so many around me searching for Peace in all the wrong ways. If you tell them they don't want to listen because they enjoy the pleasures of this world, but that will only last for a season and then it will be over. I have many times sat with people who don't want to give up their lifestyle and it truly makes me sad. See, I too was once like them I thought that I was having lots of fun and didn't want to lose it. But there were times especially when I was alone that I was empty inside and wanted something different. I was searching and I didn't know what I was searching for. Then I met JESUS and His peace filled my heart to overflowing. Try Jesus today and watch how your life will change....



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