

The Peace Of July

Well, July and the heat of summer is upon us, and the fourth. We are ready to think about freedom and liberty and that is in the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:17. We also think of family time, vacations or staycations as the case may be, the food and picnics. But we are going after His peace this July.

And with the ongoing cares of our world, His peace is not only a gift to treasure but one we must receive and walk in everyday. We will talk about many verses on peace.

Shalom is the Hebrew word for peace. We may get into word studies. Jesus spoke peace, He told the disciples to speak peace, Proverbs will even tell us when to hold our peace. No, it is not just a wedding phrase, it is in the Bible.

So, last year I did a summer of angels, but this year, angels are welcome to gather and surely we want to be thankful for our liberty and freedom of worship but I could really use a summer of peace, how about you?

Our main verse will be John 14:27, and I suggest you read several translations. His peace is a gift and something we have to receive as we would any gift.

The Lord has dealt with me about peace for a couple of years now, the enemy has certainly been attacking peace, but now that I have wisdom about it, I receive that gift all the more. That is something to include as an affirmation of faith, if you make those, they are very helpful.

We are to write the words on the tables or perhaps tablets of our hearts. So each day in July and really any day and everyday, let's thank Him for His peace and making it ours.

Rebecca Jones

His Peace

Our base Scripture is John 14:27 as we study peace. Jesus is speaking and says. " Peace I give unto you, my peace I leave unto you, not as the world gives, give I unto you. " Other translations differ and will say that He leaves us a gift of mind and heart, also so true, that is not like the world's idea of peace.

Peace is not the absence of war, or even conflict. Jesus said there would be sufficient evil each day, and was He ever right about that. Look at all that has happened since He came and all the while His peace was a gift. Many did not receive did they? But we want to.

Jesus' peace is different, it is a steady and unfailing peace within the heart and mind, our very souls, which are the mind, will and emotions. We are a spirit, in the image of God, having a soul and body. Peace has go deep within.

If Jesus is in our hearts as a believer, then we should have peace right? Although that is, in effect, a true statement, it is not always so. We have to receive that peace or we can fall back into the chaotic world.

That means an awful lot to me that Jesus is speaking peace to me. He will not stop. We may not receive it or even believe it is possible in this day and age, but He is the truth and who else would we turn to?

His peace is real and tangible. It is like you can reach out and touch it, a pure and peaceful presence of the Holy Spirit. So lets focus on that verse and let it soak in, let's bathe in His peace, it is better that a swim.

Knowing Jesus is knowing peace and that peace is rich and pure, it is holy and a gift from God to be sure. He had to give His only beloved Son, and send Him to redeem us.

It must have been so hard to look away from as He was crucified, as He cried out in Gethsemane, as He was scourged and beaten, we will talk about that too.

But John 14:27, ties into all our verses on peace and I will add a list of those too, for our study. We must never forget, even in the darkest of days, He left us His peace.

He is not afraid or worried, but He knew we would be, that is why He came and that is why He offers us His peace.

Rebecca Jones

The Prince Of Peace

To get to know Jesus as the Prince of Peace, we have to go back to His birth, though we could go even farther back. The newborn Prince of Peace was born in a stable in Bethlehem, where the angels announced it, peace on earth and good will to men.

God was finally putting His plan of salvation into effect. Because Jesus was on earth, peace was here, real peace, holy peace, His peace. The very Son of God came to make peace between heaven and earth, by coming to die for the sins of all mankind, but they had to believe on Him. Sadly, many don't and didn't receive the good news of the gospel of peace.

Still, Jesus was laid into a stone manger, much like a tomb, He was swaddled with linen. He came to die that we may have eternal life. I don't believe anyone who knows Jesus will be far from peace, that is why they have to recognize it in Him. Those who don't will know only what the world's peace, and a modicum of just His grace, but you do have to accept Him as Lord, though He is gracious and merciful.

Jesus even had to hold onto the Father, as He was in the flesh and tempted in every way we are and to the maximum. The enemy has no peace and doesn't want us to have, he is a tormentor, but Jesus overcame Him and so do we.

Jesus was a Master at holding His peace, He did not get into arguing or physical altercations, though he could well have subdued a stout Peter and rebuked the enemy, and He corded a whip before turning over the moneychangers tables.

People sought to kill Him from the time of His birth, Joseph was given a dream for them to flee, and Herod murdered boys up to two years old. He would escape through crowds. He was mocked and scoffed, called the devil and insane, but He knew how to answer.

Even as He was beaten and scourged and went to the cross, He was like a lamb. But He will return a lion and the King He is, the Prince of Peace.

Jesus is the only real peace, He gave us access to His Father, by being the Passover Lamb, we need no other sacrifice, obedience to Him is better, though we sometimes offer a praise of sacrifice, He was all of the sacrifices rolled up in one.

Jesus is our victory as the beloved Prince of Peace that we are to pursue, when in fact, He even pursues us. The enemy known as the prince of the power of the air, is in no way equal, he has been judged and cast out of heaven into the atmosphere and one day he will be in the lake of fire forever.

We have so much to be thanking Jesus for, I'm so glad He is the Prince of Peace, the Sar Shalom in Hebrew. We will study that later. It is important to know with a certainty what Jesus is to you, savior, healer, and peace, His peace. He left us His peace, the very peace of the beloved Prince of Peace.

Rebecca Jones

The Peace Of July 4th

I was just outside and it is hot! And it is not quite the end of June as I write this. While the 4th is as hot as a firecracker, we want to celebrate our freedom this year in a different way.

Sure, go ahead and picnic and have fun, but let's think about our freedom along with His peace. John 14:27 is our foundation, actually, Jesus is and His peace.

It is Jesus who sets us free, not really governments or leaders. And if the Son sets us free, we are free, indeed. John 8: 36. And it is for freedom, that He set us free. Galatians 5:1, and a personal favorite of mine. God is Spirit, and where the Spirit is there is liberty. 1 Corinthians 3:17.

So what about freedom and peace? Don't they walk together? They go hand in hand. Like picnics and potato salad. Watermelon and seeds. The seeds of righteousness that are planted will reap a harvest of peace.

Peacemakers who sow in peace will raise a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18 And we know peacemakers will see God from the Beatitudes.

Though it can be hard to live in peace at times, because of other people and some of our situations, it is possible, by the Spirit to have His peace in our hearts.

So as we enjoy the sparkle and shine of the fourth of July, and even for those not in the States, lets stop and think about the freedom we have in God. Not all people are free.

God's words and ways are higher than the fireworks and His proclamations as well. If a leader can sign an agreement what about a covenant of love and peace in the sacrifice of His Son?

Whatever the plans you make this summer, plan on studying and receiving His peace. It is far greater than we may realize. There is no power stronger than His love.

And we want to celebrate life and liberty, both found in Jesus as we pursue the Prince of Peace, Psalm 34:14. So have a happy and safe 4th and celebrate the 4th of peace, His peace.

Rebecca Jones

He, Himself, Is Our Peace.

I just love when Jesus double things don't you? I can use double portions of His peace. When He laid this on my heart a couple of years ago, I was still recovering from serious illness, trying to follow Him, having a lot going on.

He laid John 14:27, about leaving His peace on my heart, and it was a verse that permeated my soul, I wrote about it, read it, claimed it as my own, and then I found a couple of others that really interested me.

I found in Micah 5:5, that He will be our peace. And that is Old Testament, look how the crucifixion changes things, " He, Himself, is our peace. " Ephesians 2:14, just after the verse in 2:10 about being His masterpiece.

It takes Jesus to perfect our peace by giving us His and being ours. Double portions, like Ruth gleaning, she was left handfuls on purpose. Jesus, is a type of Boaz, our kinsman redeemer. Ruth lay at the feet of Boaz and was a literal bride.

Mary of Bethany, at His feet was a spiritual bride as we are. And of course, He redeems both men and women, as the church, a figurative bride. God had the qualities of both men and women and created them as such, so not to be alone. God is the Father, with the tenderness of a mother, He created us with strength and love but there were lines He did not intend to be crossed, He knows what sin will do.

So Jesus not only left us His peace, a covenant of peace, but a pure and peaceful assurance that He keeps His word, and I love to read about His peace. It will start to overcome us in a beautiful presence of the Spirit.

And He left it as a double promise, He promises peace to His people, what a wonderful feeling when His peace fills the room and your heart, when things around you may be going wrong, He is our peace.

Actually, He, Himself is our peace. Just like from Isaiah 53. His punishment, our peace, He, Himself, is also in reference to healing. We will also look at peace and healing. He, Himself is our peace.

Rebecca Jones

Go In Peace

This is truly one of my favorite passages and is recorded in the gospels, go ahead and read them all and the different translations. We have been talking about how Jesus will double things and this is no different. He heals two women, one who has had an issue of blood twelve years, He raises a twelve year old from the dead. Truthfully, this woman was almost dead herself.

You can see the doubling, and the parallel and the power or dunamis of His healing power. It goes out and yet is replenished quickly through the Spirit. Both women had talits in their story. Jairus, as a Jew, would have wrapped his daughter in his, and the woman touched the hem of Jesus garment, likely, even just the talit, with her fingertips as she had to press through a crowd. She knew He was her only hope, just as the daughter would see. The doctors could not help either of them.

Jesus faced the woman and asked who touched Him. He faced the daughter too. He had to disperse the crowds, He put out the mourners. Peace stood before the woman. Peace stood before the girl. Peace was in the crowd. Peace was at the door of the house. Peace, the Prince of Peace spoke to both.

Peace put out the fear. Peace was bringing healing. Peace made them whole again. Peace gave them life. Jesus gave them both His peace and healing. Just imagine the impact on these two, and their lives restored.

Jesus calmed the frightened woman who said it was she who touched Him. I can picture Him taking her hand and looking her in the eye, perhaps He had to lift her chin, she had walked in shame and uncleanness for so long, she should not have been in public but needed His touch. He told her faith had made her whole. And to "Go in peace. "

See what an impact His peace has on our healing. Moments later, a servant would come and tell Jairus, that his daughter was dead, not to trouble the Master. But is never any trouble as long as we believe. He even helped Jairus to. Though the woman had made up her mind already that she would be healed.

He took the girl's hand and said " Talitha, cumi. " Little girl arise, and look at the talit in the phrase. Jesus is so good and God does not miss a beat. It pays to study His Word in depth.

And we don't want to miss out on peace and healing, do we? They go hand in hand and so will we with Jesus, a woman touched Him, and He touched a girl, both were sick, at death's door, both were healed and restored by the beloved Prince of Peace.

Rebecca Jones

Peace, Peace And Healing

A lot of us have heard the phrase, peace, peace and sudden destruction, but how about this one and it is in the Bible. " Peace, to him who is far off, peace to him who is near, says the Lord. I create the fruit of the lips and I will heal him. " Isaiah 57:19

The Amplified Bible goes on to say that He will make the lips blossom anew with speech of thankful praise. I like that but you know not everyone who is healed is thankful, or at least not continually. Jesus healed ten lepers, and only one did as he was supposed to, have the priest pronounce him clean. Jesus even says " What about the other nine? "

I can tell you stories I have heard that are terrible. People losing the healing God gave them out of fear, ignorance and just the fruit of the lips that are not thankful. We should be thankful to Him continually, the Word says.

So, who are these people who are far off and near? Who is he about to heal and put fruit to their lips? Both Gentiles, the far off, who will be grafted into the covenant, and the Jews who are near, but who will not receive Jesus as Messiah, until another time.

We have been looking at peace and healing and how they go together, love equals joy and peace, the first three fruits, see Galatians 5:25. I once wrote of peace as a juicy peach, that is fruit on our lips but so is the praises to God.

I used to thank Him for healing and still do, even when I did not see the results, I kept on praising Him. And I know that is not always easy to do. I just kept doing it even on my worst days because I knew He was the healer. And He is the healer.

Never let anyone tell you that healing is not real or for today, it surely is. And He will heal both Jew or Gentile, even unbelievers at times to draw people to the Lord. He can heal and forgive sin at the same time.

He can heal many ways, by laying on hands, speaking the word of faith or anointing with oil. You may be healed instantly, as you go and even from the hour. He can heal through daily Communion, or communion with Him, by confessing His words that are spirit and life over us. He is love and healing. And He is our peace.

And what a wonderful Scripture, peace, peace and He will heal us and let's get that praise on our lips.

Rebecca Jones

Perfect Peace

Another verse from Isaiah says He will keep us in perfect peace who mind is stayed on Him. That is Isaiah 26:3. How so we keep our minds on Him?

It is kind of like praying without ceasing, it is just habitual, constant, part of our nature and character again as believers. We have the desire to study the Word and speak it and apply it to our daily lives.

The more we meditate on His promises, pray, seek Him and His rest, the more peace will be perfected, it will come to fruition. It will blossom, ripen and mature. Just as Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith, and some translations say perfecter. Hebrews 12:2, so was God's promise in Isaiah and it is a prophetic book.

We know Jesus is described in Isaiah 53, in 1 Corinthians 13. It is so interesting to see how the coming of Christ was prophesied came to pass, and is still being revealed.

He will keep us and guard us in His perfect peace. God promised this in the old covenant, which is in Isaiah 54 as well. Don't let the verse about the devil throw you, He is not using him against us, He created him and will destroy both his works and the devil.

But the New Testament is very clear on the new covenant, cut into the flesh of His own Son, and it includes His peace. John 14:27. It is a good idea to be familiar with verses on peace, and include them in prayer and study, they should be memory verses.

We want to be good ground for them to grow in, and the more we sow them in our spirits, by the Holy Spirit who seals us, He will call them to memory and God will still be keeping us in perfect peace. While we all have more to do from day to day, we can still keep Him in our minds and hearts, the more we appreciate the beauty of His sacrifice, the more we will walk in that peace.

Perfect peace has to grow, and it has to mature. It is easy to get into worry, fear and panic. It will be harder for it to get to you when you have His peace.

Jesus talked about renewing our mind, the Holy Spirit helps us there, and Isaiah 26:3 is a good verse to memorize and keep close to our heart.

Father, In Jesus name, help me to allow the Holy Spirit to be strong in me, and to renew my mind and keep it on you and your promises, to keep me in your perfect peace.

Rebecca Jones

The Names Of Peace

I wanted to study the Hebrew and correlation to peace. But I thought it would be a good idea to go over some of the names of God and really Jesus, as His name is above all. I think when God put Him in charge, He gave Him literally all His names and that is a lot of them.

Jesus is --- the Sar Shalom, the Prince of Peace

He is called Shiloh. The place where the ark was kept. Peace.

One of God's names is Jehovah Shalom, God, our peace, He must have passed that on to Jesus.

Now, may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that Great Shepherd of the sheep who through blood of the everlasting covenant strengthen you that you may accomplish His will....I paraphrased a little, that you do the works He planned for you in advance is about right. I was reading two translations. Hebrews 13:20,21.

What I like too, about the Amplified in this instance is He is called the author and finisher of peace, in relation to Hebrews 12:2 that asks us to look to Jesus as such, but of faith.

I was also reading from a book by John Paul Jackson, who list Him as the God of peace, under I Am, that is a powerful peace, Jesus used the expression of I AM in regard to Himself, seven times. I have the pin on Pinterest and I will add a list.

We know, I Am, the way, truth, the life. I Am the door, I Am the light of the world and I Am the Good Shepherd from John, Jesus also is asked in reply to who the soldiers are looking for in Gethsemane, Christ... " I Am He. "

That is seven but, I may have added a diferent one. I remember now, I Am the Bread of Life.

Rebecca Jones

Speaking Peace

Did you even know that we are supposed to speak peace? Well, we are. Most of us just want to say our peace. We don't always know when to hold our peace which is wisdom. Often, it is better to rest in Him and let Him handle the problem.

Jesus was always speaking peace, He is after all, the very Prince of Peace, Himself. From His birth to the crucifixion, and even back to heaven. Long before the plan of salvation, the Lord had promised to gift His life, as Adam and Eve were given free will, and I think should have repented, but the fear was horrendous. He gave up the peace of heaven to come so that we might be saved.

The Lord speaks peace, like the Hebrew greeting, Shalom is more than hello or goodbye, it is literally, " How is your peace? " Shalom, we may often hear, is more than a mere greeting. It is like nothing missing or broken. That is something we all can understand, how often do we feel like something is missing in our lives, or that we are broken in some way? Well, with Jesus we don't have to be. He speaks peace and we must receive the gift He left us.

As for speaking peace, Jesus sent out the disciples and told them to go out to go to houses and speak peace to the house, and if they were received to remain, and if not to leave, and shake the dust from their feet.

In order to fully understand this, we must consider that Jesus references dust, it was the custom to offer guests water to wash their feet, the devil was cursed to eat of the dust. So if peace is not received, you get the picture. Either Jesus washes your feet or, you remain under the curse, in a sense, not enjoying His peace. He was cursed for us, because He hung on the cross. Galatians 3:13.

The houses are literal, in the cities where the disciples go to minister. But the house can also be spiritual in application, ourselves, because we are the temple of His Spirit as a believer, we should speak peace, to our own house and others. And the same is true, to remain or to shake the dust off.

This doesn't mean you will never see that person or talk to them but that you use wisdom in speaking God's Word to them and it is a good comparison to " casting your pearls before swine ", sometimes, you are wasting your breath on people or situations, though we may pray for people to be saved or healed, they too, have to receive it.

Wouldn't the world be a better place if believers really started speaking peace? Peace, and He will heal us. He left us His peace. He, Himself is our peace. I'm speaking peace, won't you join me?

Rebecca Jones

Verses Of Peace

Our central verse for study: paraphrased from translations.

Peace I leave to you as a gift of mind and heart, my peace I give you, not as the world gives you, Give I to you. Let not your heart be trouble or afraid. John 14:27

Great peace have they that love you and nothing can make them stumble. Psalm 119:162

I will bring health and healing and reveal and abundance of peace and truth. Jeremiah 33:6

He will keep us in perfect peace who mind is stayed on Him. Isaiah 26:3.

He was punished for our peace. Isaiah 53

Peace, to him who is far off, peace to him who is near, says the Lord. I create the fruit of the lips and I will heal him. " Isaiah 57:19

He will be our peace. Micah 5:5

.....He guides our feet in the path of peace. from Luke 1:77-79

Peace, the third fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

He, Himself is our peace. Ephesians 2:14

He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. Ephesians 2:17

Let the peace of Christ rule your in hearts, since as members of one body your are called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach admonish one another in all wisdom. Colossians 3:15, 16

Beautiful feet carry the gospel of peace. Romans 10:15

Peacemakers who sow in peace will raise a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18

Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Philemon 3

He told the woman with the issue of blood to go in peace. Let's keep adding to our list. But these are a few for starters.

Rebecca Jones

Peace, Be Still!

This is a great story of faith, Jesus was asleep in the boat and here comes the storm. The disciples are about to panic, they even question the Lord as to His caring whether or not they are going to perish.

He is not angry, even if He knows they have little faith as the story of Peter attempting to walk on the water. But let's look at the storm, Jesus has just crossed over into the lake after speaking to a crowd.

You might be interested to know that the madman in the tombs is across the way. This storm is demonic. Though it is a literal storm, winds, waves and rain, the works. They are on the way toward Decapolis, which is actually, ten wicked cities.

This is the amazing story of Jesus casting out the demons, a legion as the demon states its name. And a Roman legion, if I recall could be anywhere from two to six thousand men. That is a lot of demons anyway you look at it, one big demon controlling smaller ones. And this is a deep study of faith and deliverance.

This man literally lived in death, the cemetery, the tombs, no one could tame him or even chain him. He actually lived in the past, the darkness, his mind was gone, but perhaps his heart cried out to God for help and along came Jesus.

Even pigs, did not want demons and went over the cliff. Suicide was among his thoughts, he tried cutting himself with rocks, the devil will steal, kill and destroy.

The storm was trying to prevent this miracle and many would see it and no doubt, be changed it. Yet, it took Jesus standing up and saying to the storm or even the demon. " Peace, be still. " And the waters were calm.

Imagine the fisherman gazing across a lake, that is suddenly still, that was moments earlier pounding the waves against the boat and endangering their lives.

Jesus had the peace to sleep through a storm, but did they? I have stayed awake watching the news about storms. My mother once drove me through the tail of a tornado, so, with that one and a few others, I know about storms. But you know, I can still pray about them and declare the peace and go to sleep. If necessary, I know He would wake me, the Holy Spirit is good about that.

I have heard that the Lord sometimes calms the storms and sometimes He calms the child. That is probably a good truth, but it can also be just a statement if we fall into cliches, we have authority over that enemy and we can speak peace ourselves, in agreement with Jesus. He is the one with the power, and He gives us back Adam's authority.

Remember, Jesus is in our boat as a believer, or maybe I should say, we are in His boat. Either way, being with Him is the best place to be and that is where I want to be. I have been Peter, stepping out and sinking, we aren't suppose to be looking the waves or the sea, even the depth of it, the possibility of sinking or even death, we are to keep our focus on the author and finisher of our faith, Jesus. That is Hebrews 12:2.

And I have been the disciples, wanting to question if He cared but I really knew He did. I knew better than to voice that, I 'm not sure I ever questioned Him but may not have always understood things as well.

And thankfully, I have been Jesus, sleeping through many literal and spiritual storms, some deep ones, too.

He gives His beloved sleep and I can rest in Psalm 127:2 much better these days knowing even in the storm, I am in the palm of His hand, and He is calming the storm and the child, peace, be still.

Rebecca Jones

He Promises Peace

I like to sing, and sometimes I am remembering just choruses from songs, and this is one. He promises peace, He promises peace, He promises peace to His people, I will listen to what God the Lord will say.

I will listen to what God the Lord will say, He speaks to His people, to His saints, but let them not turn again to folly. Psalm 85:8 This is the Amplified Version. Some others may say promise, I will check it, but it goes well anyway with speaking peace.

Truly, the Lord does promise peace, but we have to obey and receive. Peace is not just a given, as believers we should understand it as a fruit of the Spirit, and as His peace, not the world's.

We should also know it is for the righteous and that is us as believers, Jesus is the only one who could impute His righteousness, He took our place. Literally and spiritually.

That is the only way we are saints, and we are not to return to folly, which can be sin or foolishness. In other words, we must not return to our old ways but to follow His ways and thoughts, they are a lot higher than ours. But He will teach us by the Spirit and give us the peace He promises.

Salvation is more than just going to heaven someday, it is healing, deliverance and angels protecting us and it is His peace. He both promises and speaks peace to His people, so let's listen to what God, the Lord will say.

Rebecca Jones

Peace In Numbers

I have had a lot of things going on lately, and yet, there has been peace. Perhaps, that is why He has been speaking peace to me and infused it into my soul over the past couple of years or a little longer.

John 14:27, is a gift to be sure, especially in the days we live in, and there is a lot to cover on the topic of peace. Truthfully, I believe the closer you are to Jesus, the more peace you have. You have His peace because He is peace, just like His love, He loves us more than we could ever love Him, and He gives more peace than we could ever hope for.

That said, I thought the other morning when I woke up, about peace, and some of my situations. It came to me, as the sun broke through the blinds early in the morning, the Lord makes His face to shine on you and give you peace.

I thought that was a wonderful way to wake up in the morning. The Aaronic blessing. Or the Numbers prayer or Blessing. Listen to it in Hebrew if you have a chance, And wasn't that a witty title to come up with? Must be the Lord again, Peace In Numbers.

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

So that is the peace in Numbers, Isaiah 60,61 also mentions this to an extent telling us to rise and shine, the glory of the Lord is risen upon us. Lift up your eyes and see.

Rebecca Jones

Pursue Peace

Did you know we are to pursue peace? Psalm 34:14, says we are to crave or desire peace and pursue it. I did a series on the blog and for a writer's challenge a while back called pursuing the Prince of Peace.

Just like 1 Corinthians 12 & 13 wants us to follow love and desire spiritual gifts, we are to pursue His peace, although it is a gift, we have to receive it, John 14:27.

Jesus may be appearing to contradict Himself, as He offers us peace, and in another place He explains that He didn't come to bring peace but a sword and how it will divide families and cause them to be against each other, but that is not really His peace but the world's idea of it.

His peace, truly is a gift. And we are to receive it, daily, and on a continual basis if necessary. Sometimes, we will have to really seek or pursue His peace for our hearts not to be troubled or afraid. He offers it but we have to receive it.

The peace He references that is division is because they want Him to lead a rebellion against the government or Rome, He explained His kingdom is not of this world. Faith in Christ will often bring division in families, even Christian ones about doctrinal beliefs, I have been in that situation, so I know, Baptist, Pentecostal and Charismatic. I think we should all know Jesus, and you think we could get along.

But the Lord is specific about making peace in church, living as peacefully as possible, and that is the key isn't it? As much as possible. There will be instances that you will just not be able to make peace with someone. Shake the dust off your feet.

He can cause even your enemies to be at peace with you and He even says those enemies can be in your own house. I want us to speak peace and receive it and be blessed, but I have also had to let go, when I cannot maintain a peaceful and productive relationship. It is healthier not to live in a toxic environment, so let's seek as much peace as possible.

Rebecca Jones

Living Peaceably

We talked about living peaceably among men, and how hard that can be, even as a believer in Christ, and perhaps more so because He is our Prince of Peace.

While He is our peace in the most spiritual and deepest sense of the Word, others will not always be pursuing His peace, even believers, and the world's idea is so different. Peace is not just not having a war.

Believers are at war in a spiritual sense against an enemy that we don't always recognize. But if we can be still, God will fight our battles. The mind is also a battlefield, cast down imaginations and everything that exalts itself above the knowledge of God. That can take some doing. And people are really trying to disturb our peace aren't they?

Still, Hebrews 12:14, in the Amplified says to strive to live peaceably with all men. Strive indicates effort but I know the Lord can fight for us, sometimes we just have to let go and let Him strive along with us, His efforts make our own easier and more bearable, and sometimes we do have more than we can appear to bear, if we do, God really helps us with it, I know.

The Lord will help us with this area of peace and give us His peace in place of the troubled or fearful heart. Please remember our base verse is John 14:27.

And believe me, I know that there is a lot that can be involved in making this attempt but I know Jesus is with me or I would have never even made it this far.

Isn't it a shame that people can't be better to each other? They should be a lot more peaceable.

Rebecca Jones

Pray For The Peace Of Jerusalem

We all have heard to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, but do we really do it or even understand why we should? Jerusalem means the city of peace.

While Jerusalem has always been at war during the Bible days, and people are always talking war. So many are against Jerusalem, there is so much Antisemitism. There are always threats and terrorist attacks. A lot of it is religious disputes and sometimes political and economical.

Jerusalem will be a cup of trembling, and one day the Lord will return and settle all disputes, and destroy the Antichrist. Revelation is being revealed and it will soon come to an end. And Jerusalem will be city of peace, a new Jerusalem. Imagine a new heaven and a new earth.

So why pray for the peace of Jerusalem? We should pray for Israel, the Jews, for those are in authority because we are grafted into the covenant as Gentiles. We should be living exemplary Christian lives to provoke the Jews to jealousy. We want them grafted back into the covenant, one day they will know Jesus as the Messiah.

They will look upon the one that they have pierced. He got the scars in the house of His friends. They are the only man made thing in heaven. We need to pray for all people. Jesus is the way to heaven, He was the only one who could, by His death, bring life back to us, eternal life and access to the Father. We want shalom, where God meant it to be. In Jerusalem, pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Rebecca Jones

The Beloved's Crown Of Peace

Isaiah 53 is a prophetic word about Jesus coming and the crucifixion, the whole chapter reveals Him beaten, scourged, for our healing. But the crown of thorns He wore brought us mental peace.

Now, a lot of people may have trouble with that, even believers suffering through mental anguish, and I understand that. But Jesus is the same, always. He doesn't change. His words don't change, but spoken over us, they can change us.

The Bible has a lot to say about minds, renewing them, having the mind of Christ. It teaches us about thoughts, words and actions. Though it may be difficult to believe when you are suffering, the focus will be easier as He reveals His love, look at the risen Christ and the beauty of His sacrifice.

These were no ordinary thorns, I have seen them. They are thick and up to two inches long. And they were not placed gently on His head either. You can imagine them so deep as to even push into His skull, I would have said brain but He had no broken bones or at least not legs as were the practice to hurry along death.

I had trouble with pain and identifying with His, I suffered. But it was a release to know He carried a cross so I would not have to. He wore the crown of thorns for me to have a crown of peace, and even if that is not specific to any verse of Scripture, it is not just one I made up. Not poetic license or a the imagination of a writer.

Jesus wore a crown of thorns for our peace, Isaiah prophesied it years before He was born. His punishment or chastisement brought us peace. His crown for ours. His punishment our peace.

Don't disqualify yourself from receiving healing or peace. It is a gift and a promise to believers, many people think they aren't good enough, holy enough, that it is not for today.

They are even afraid of taking Communion, all they have to do is keep a repentant heart and not be a willing sinner, ignoring the words of Christ altogether. You will, not only grieve the Spirit but insult Him.

Jesus sacrifice was a once and for all, it was all the blood that had to be shed and is in heaven. It is over believers. You may not be good enough for Jesus but He is good enough for you! It is only His goodness, that allows us healing, peace or even the next breath.

Read and meditate on Isaiah 53, especially, under mental duress, you can even ask him for a crown of peace to replace what is bothering you, and if those thoughts or imaginations come back, remember, not to give up your crown for one that is like thorns. Worry, fear, torment are all like that.

Psalm 127:2 teaches that He gives sleep to the beloved. As believers, the Father accepted us into the family through Jesus, His beloved son. We are to be the beloved, and why wouldn't He give the beloved a crown of peace?

Rebecca Jones

The Fruit Of Peace

Jesus said He wanted us to bear lots of fruit, and of course, we know He has had to prune us at times. But it is worth it. You know He cursed a fig tree, not just because it had no fruit, but the Hebrew explains that it had leaves but no fruit, it was not what it appeared to be, just as many of us can be, when we are not walking the the fruit of the Spirit, which includes peace.

Peace is the third fruit listed, just after love and joy. He begins the list with love and it ends in self control. Galatians 5:25 lists them and I will, in threes. Love, joy, peace. Patience, goodness, kindness. Faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

Peace is also a fruit of our lips as a believer, we can speak His word and healing to others, peace and healing go together. Our fruit is what we say and how we respond, but sometimes, it is silence, what we don't say, that will bring us peace. God knows the heart. We don't always have to respond to the negative, even if we are right . God will defend us, we don't always have to be on the defensive or be easily offended.

Having the love of Jesus and rejection for it, can hurt. It can be a slight or a deep wound. But He, Himself, is our peace. Ephesians 2:14. He is our peace alright, I know that. I am sure He knows hearts better than I do. I want to let Him handle it. I want my fruit to grow and blossom.

Since I am from Georgia, I relate peace to a juicy, sweet peach, even if there is a little fuzz on the surface, the inner fruit is pure and rich, and it is a good comparison to the fruit of peace.

He will help us know when to speak our fruit or hold our peace, and He will heal us.

Rebecca Jones

Peace Like A River

Did you know that if we do what we should, we will have peace like a river? Though I am not on the internet right now, I have a beautiful blue river going through a canyon to illustrate it. Here's the verse.

Oh, that you would have hearkened to my commandments, then your peace and prosperity would be like a river and your righteousness like waves of the sea. Isaiah 48:18

While this is Isaiah speaking God's word to those coming out of captivity, and can refer to the Ten Commandments, it is Old Testament and how much more are we to follow the new commandment of Jesus, to love God and one another. I think that covers the ten. He fulfilled the law and the prophets and put us under grace and truth, we are not living under the old covenant but the new, not what Paul calls the ministry of death, which saved many, but the ministry of the Spirit. We should be seeing salvation, and if we did what we should, we would be experiencing peace like a river.

Now, not everyone is going to do that. They will not like it and they may not even believe it. Many people will cling to the Ten Commandments, and while you can have respect for them, Jesus did bring us grace and peace

He is the way, truth and life. I just love reading and living in the words of Jesus in John. He is our peace, left us His peace, is the Prince of Peace and He will be our peace like a river if we do what we should to begin with. Sounds easy enough, right? Yet, people are stubborn and self righteous, and many won't give Him a chance to teach them by the Spirit, but that is the way to peace like a river.

Rebecca Jones

Powerful Peace

While this may not be an actual phrase from the Word, there is powerful peace. Knowing when to speak and when to be silent. Jesus had to literally hold His peace, being tormented in the Garden of Gethsemane, and beaten, scourged, on trial, crucified.

Someone so powerful as to knock soldiers backwards after praying in agony before His arrest, could not have been taken in unless willing to give His life for us all. He even defended Peter and healed an ear. That is a powerful Prince of Peace, the prince of the power of the air hasn't a chance.

There were other times He had to speak when necessary, and hold His powerful peace. You know, He called Lazarus forth and he came, He could have just said come forth and raised everyone. There were times He healed and others died, like Joseph, His earthly father. He did what the Father told Him to do, there were reasons. He went out and ministered after John the Baptist was beheaded. And even in prison, he had some doubts about Him.

I think that is the main hindrance to healing and deliverance, doubt and unbelief. Hebrews 3:12 warns us, even as believers, not to have an evil heart of unbelief. We may all have doubts, Jesus understands, He was tempted more than anyone. But unbelief is another thing entirely, He can do no mighty works.

Another time He held His peace when overturning the moneychangers tables, He corded a whip to control the righteous anger and not sin. He could have really exploded on them. And He avoided a lot of arguing and religious debate with the leaders. He came to seek and save the lost, not to become a king in the way they thought.

His peace is a divisive sword, cutting to the bone and heart of the matter, it is why believers will disagree on doctrine, and even to the point of hate, having a form of godliness but denying His power.

He has the power to heal, deliver, raise the dead, even now. And promised we could do greater works, how is that possible? By believing and speaking His peace to ourselves and others. His peace, John 14:27, is not like that of the world that causes division among people, it is a powerful peace that sustains us no matter the circumstances.

We are never under them, but He is over them and He left us His peace, is our peace, and He is powerful.

Rebecca Jones

Great Peace

A verse in Isaiah 54 reminds us of His peace, and His covenant of peace. Along with fear, terror or torment, being not from Him, and no weapon formed against us will prosper, we learn that children taught of or by the Lord will have great peace.

The Lord, Himself, by His Spirit will teach us children or even His grown up children are taught of the Lord and our peace will be great, huge, abundant peace.

Now, that is life and life more abundantly, from John 10:10. What a blessing to be living in His peace, the peace of John 14:27. I can say that He has taught me about peace for over a couple of years now and that it has both permeated and infused my soul.

I need great peace, and I think all believers do. Especially, in the last days, as He restores us in many ways. He will bless us with His peace. We want to be taught of Lord, by the Lord. By His precious Spirit, we will have great peace. I like the word great because it is indicative of the massive love and grace of the Lord.

God is great begins the blessing and His peace is as vast as the heavens and as deep as the sea. What a precious, precious gift from the Lord. Great peace, His peace. John is such a wonderful book about the Lord and Isaiah tells us of His peace, the peace of God.

How much greater from Old Testament to New, the great peace taught us by Lord, our Prince of Peace. It may be summer and hot but there is a cool breeze in the wind of His Spirit. And great is His peace, are we ready for that as He returns in the near future?

Rebecca Jones

The Gift Of Peace

I always thought Jesus was the best gift ever, or at least after I understood more of His great love. He was the Prince of Peace as babe in a manger, He walked in peace, with the Holy Spirit descending like a dove. He spoke peace, His peace and yet, it was divisive to some, not the kind of peace they wanted.

His peace, like Jesus, Himself, is our greatest gift ever. He left us His peace, John 14:27, and is our peace, Micah 5:5, Ephesians 2:14.

And His peace is not something to be taken lightly, trifled with or taken for granted, He has sown it in to our hearts and minds, by the Spirit and we have to let it grow, receive it, let it be come a harvest in us as believers.

God always gives good and perfect gifts, though we may not always receive them or walk in them and nothing but love will exceed His peace, in fact, they go together.

If wicked people can give their children good gifts and spoil them, how much more can our Heavenly Father lavish us with grace and peace, and His perfect love that dispels the fears we may be oppressed with?

If you ask for bread, He will not give you a stone. His yoke is easy and light and I am, convinced everything else is from the wicked one, from cares of the world to the little foxes, even the imaginations we must cast down and the thoughts we have to neither take nor say. His peace is our gift and it is a tremendous blessing.

I have watched nurses ask patients what their pain level is on a scale of one to ten. Shalom, mischpoah and yadeed, peace family and friends, what is your peace level today? I can say mine has been way past ten today on the chart as He promises to keep me in perfect peace with my mind on Him. Isaiah 26:3.

What a precious gift is my Jesus and my Lord, and what a glorious gift is His peace. When things appear to be out of control, I can remain in control, knowing that He is.

He left us His peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is in the Holy Spirit that you will receive His rest and be blessed with an abundance of peace.

Peace, Himself was born in a stable, swaddled in a manger made of stone, just like He would lie in a tomb for me, but He was raised to raise me up with Him and keep me seated in heavenly places, let me sleep in heavenly peace, rest, the rest of faith that I have entered in.

That is powerful peace, Jesus is our peace, the very peace that was our gift from God, not just at Christmas, He is always with us and will come to us in the Spirit like the rain. He gives us the gift of His peace, and all we have to do is receive it.

Rebecca Jones

Peaceful Thoughts

The Lord fights for you, you need only to be still. Exodus 14:14

Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

He leads me beside still waters. Psalm 23

Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him. Psalm 37:7

He keeps our tears in a bottle. Psalm 56:8

The Lord Himself watches over you. Psalm 121:5

He gives sleep to the beloved. Psalm 127:2

He gives His angels charge and covers us with His feathers. Psalm 91

How good and pleasant it is for brothers to dwell in unity. Proverbs

The Spirit of the Lord gave them rest. Isaiah 63:14

Consider the lilies, they toil not. Nether do they spin. Matthew

Come away to a lonely place and rest yourself for awhile. Mark 6:31

Let not your heart be troubled. John 14:27

He gives us grace upon grace. John 1:16

I am the Good Shepherd, I lay down my life for my sheep. ?
Gospels

You were sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise. Ephesians 1:13

I will never leave you nor forsake you. Hebrews 13:5

Casting my cares upon Him for He cares for me. 1 Peter 5:7

And so many more, Phillipians 4:8 tells us to think good things, what are some of your peaceful thoughts?

Rebecca Jones

Hold Your Peace

I have to admit that came as a little bit of a shock to me about holding your peace. It is not just something at the end of a wedding ceremony, asking if anyone has an objection.

It is a lot more. We can hold our peace or speak it and that was a previous post. We are to speak peace, the peace of Christ. we also can hold our peace in many ways.

Proverbs is an exhaustive study about words, and wisdom. Jesus also talk about the words coming from the heart and out our mouths. You can gauge people by their words and their fruit. It will be either truthful or deceptive.

Words bring both death and life. Sin does have consequences and the wages of it are still death, whether people believe the Bible or not and really, it is still true of believers, what we say affects our lives and others. We can win souls or turn people off.

Ecclesiastes 3 gives us a list of times to do things or not. One of those is a time to be silent, or to hold our peace, another is a time to speak. The Holy Spirit is said to give us a mouth and gainsay, in the Old Testament, He moved on people supernaturally with power or prophetic words. Now, we have the Holy Spirit in us and we just have to step aside sometimes and let Him speak for us and through us and other times, He will say to be still or hold your peace.

No wonder this is wisdom, what we say and how we say it can be so important not only to ourselves but to others, God created the world in seven days with His words, and Jesus was quiet as He carried the cross. A time to speak or to be silent, so let's either speak or hold our peace.

Rebecca Jones

The Gospel of Peace

I got shoes! You got shoes! Did you know that many times in dreams that shoes represent peace? Slippers can mean you are too comfortable, tennis shoes, walking by faith or being in the race. Ice skates can mean gliding through a problem or possibly even over a frozen heart.

As always, I caution people about dream symbolism. Not every dream means something, or is from God. The bright and colored ones can be and the dark or gray from the enemy, but God also lives in the darkness of time and space, and originally created darkness as good and as a time of rest. Even Christian dream interpretation can be off base. You have to consider the source as from believer or psychic. Never base faith on dreams alone, nor totally discount them. Just ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. He will never deceive you or lie. He can make it plain. Visions too, can be colorful.

But as for shoes and how they fit into the gospel of peace, let's look at the verse, it is in the Bible, which is what we have to be sure of and to see how it relates to us.

How beautiful are the feet of those that preach the gospel of peace. Romans 10:15

Now, I realize it says feet, and in those days, sandals were the normal footwear. And it was customary to offer someone water or have a servant wash the feet of guests. Jesus did that lowly task for the disciples and sent them out to preach the gospel of peace and saying to speak peace to homes and even to shake the dust from their feet if they were not received. Mary of Bethany is remembered for this as she anointed Jesus.

So the verse or the interpretation may not be just exactly in line with the Word as we wear so many shoes these days. High heels can be a high calling to minister or even seduction. You have to realize that there can be two sides and which one is for you.

And personally, I like boots. I have always loved boots, but in my PDF file on dreams, that came from a church in Texas, of all places, boots represent warring in the spirit or plain old spiritual warfare.

I can attest to that. Liking boots didn't bring out the enemy, loving the Lord did. And He helps me kick it to the curb, whatever the problem.

Truthfully, I have always had wide feet, rough heels and the occasional ingrown toenail, I recently broke a toe and the nail has grown back funny. So maybe my feet aren't always so pretty, but they are to God as they carry the gospel of peace.

Rebecca Jones

Peace That Passes Understanding

Just what is the peace that passes understanding? I have surely read that verse. Jesus laid peace and that He left us His peace from John 14:27, on my heart a while back.

I had a broken heart. Proverbs 4:23 says to guard it, and all of life issues from it. I felt I had not guarded it well enough. Then, I decided that the Prince of Peace, Jesus would just have to guard it for me, that is the difference from the Old Testament to the New, His great sacrifice.

So Phillipians, tells us that the peace of God that passes understanding will guard our hearts, I had to step aside and allow Him to,

Going back to John 14:27, He tells us also to not let our hearts be troubled or afraid. Though I was casting down imaginations, speaking His words, that was getting in and in ways I had not anticipated, of course, He makes things beautiful in His time doesn't He and He will give us His peace, in fact, He already has if we are believers, and that is the peace that passes understanding.

I never understood how I could accomplish what He wanted me to do, what about my healing, why there was so much division and strife coming at me, even spiritual warfare. But I didn't have to understand just receive His holy rest and peace, and not worry or be afraid. A tall order, at times, but the peace that passes my understanding, He understands and guards my heart.

How do you have joy in the midst of trouble, pain or spiritual battles, how are you remaining in His love, it is because, He left His peace, and it is the peace that passes understanding.

Rebecca Jones

Peaceful Hebrew

I should have called this Peaceful Hebrew and other languages, but I'm only adding a couple for now. Shalom is Hebrew for peace. Personally, I like these other two as well.

The Latin, Pax, for peace and the Greek is a one too, eirene, which is pronounced I-ray-nay. It is defined as peace, prosperity, quietness and rest, or to be set at one with yourself again. I like that, and I need it.

Peace, of course, is not just greeting in Hebrew, but asking how is someone's peace. A lot of us hate to ask how people are, they might really tell you.

I have had long phone conversations, and I understand that people have to vent a little, but other times when you are sharing something good, it is like drawing a blank.

Though I have begun speaking His peace over myself, my health and even the house and others, into to so many situations, it is not really my peace but His that will change things, and I have to receive shalom from the Sar Shalom, peace from the Prince of Peace.

What would my answer be should someone ask me how my peace is? Some days, I would say running over, and other it might be a challenge but I want to keep His peace in my heart.

Shalom, pax, eirene, either one works for me, as long as I know the Prince of Peace.

Rebecca Jones

Officers Of Peace

Ever wonder where the phrase peace officer came from. Well, here is the verse. Instead of bronze, I will bring gold, instead of wood, bronze and instead of stones, iron. I will appoint peace as your officers and righteousness your taskmasters. Isaiah 60:17

With a lot of rioting going on and a virus outbreak causing fear, I realize that lawless will one day abound and that the man of sin, the Antichrist will try to lure everyone into a false peace.

God is the God of peace, His law is love and His gospel peace. It is important to have peace officers and law and government, one day, it will all be on the shoulders of Christ, actually, it is and there is little time before He returns for His church in my opinion.

Let's look at the symbolism here, gold for bronze, the riches and glory of God for a lesser metal, silver is redemption, iron can be power, and wood relates to the flesh, what stones, he is referring to I am not sure, there are various degrees of value.

The next verse mentions violence leaving, wouldn't that be great. People cry out for justice, but who decides that? Only God is truly just, I like that He appoints peace officers, wouldn't His peace officers be great? They would not make human mistakes, and righteousness, none of us are that except for Christ taking our place.

While we still have time, let's try to be lawful and respectful. I understand trying times and unrest, but that is all the more reason to seek Jesus and pursue His peace.

Rebecca Jones

As we near the end of our study on peace, I thought it would be nice just to recap a little. You can never have too much peace. Our foundational verse is John 14:27. And His peace is a gift I can promise you that. As I write this, there is another wrinkle being tossed my direction and you know what, His peace is right here.

“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid. John 14:27, from the New Living translation. Although, I do like the ” Peace, I leave unto ones and my peace I give you. ”

There is nothing like His peace. I mentioned that He has dealt with me about peace for over a couple of years. I have to admit that my peace had really been challenged but no more. Not today, devil! Or any day! His peace is my gift and I lay hold to it anytime something starts to bother me.

I want my mind to be focused and stayed or fixed on Him, not the problem, but the answer. Let’s take a look at what Isaiah says.....Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee. Isaiah 26:3 What better place for you mind to be than on Jesus when the bills pile up, sickness strikes or you are worn out?

Then there is the beautiful Isaiah 57:19, Peace to him who afar off and peace to him who is near, and I will heal him. Isaiah was a prophet who was happily married but even when his wife died, he was not allowed to mourn. I suppose his calling was to keep prophesying and move on. I’m sure that took peace.

And then there is the verse from Isaiah 53, that we will study about next month. Jesus wore that crown of thorns for my peace and yours. No wonder, it passes understanding. Thick, two inch thorns that were wound tightly and place on His head. No doubt, an already beaten and bloodied Lord, was blinded and perhaps had to wipe the blood away even to carry the cross into more pain and punishment.

I see Him suffering, so I would not have to. Can you? It is why I am so interested in absorbing His peace and telling others about it. It is why I know that by His wounds we are healed. I hope to portray Christ in words, the horror that He endured for peace and healing.

Keep studying His peace and receiving it, we all have His gift as believers and we have to receive it daily in our walk with Him. It is not something that we can take lightly or ignore as we live in the troubled last days, our hearts will not be troubled as long as we have His peace.

Rebecca Jones

Rx For Peace

While many people are preparing recipes for disaster, I thought we could wrap up our peace study with a question and answer session. I read some celebrity answers in book, most were pretty bad, lame or even awful, except for Mother Teresa.

You can ask your family and friends what is their prescription for peace. Here are some of mine and answers I got.

His peace is a gift. John 14:27

Sow peace if you can, if you can't, shake the dust and move on.

Blessed are the peacemakers. From the Beatitudes Matthew 5.

Find your quiet place to pray.

Just receive, He gives gifts, thank Him.

You can ask family or friends what they would prescribe. And leave a comment.

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