

REFLECT: How does God give us genuine peace?

Take some time to reflect on the following verses...

Those who love your instructions
have great peace and do not stumble.
Psalm 119:165

You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.
Trust in the Lord forever,
for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal
Isaiah 26:3-4

Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things,
but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit
think about things that please the Spirit.
So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death.
But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.
Romans 8:5-6

Finding the PEACE You Are Looking For!



Do you feel a great sense of "peace" today?

READ: Luke 2:8-14

⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

**¹⁴ "Glory to God in highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."**

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.
John 14:27

There are times in our lives when our peace is based simply on our own ignorance. But when we are awakened to the realities of life, true inner peace is impossible unless it is received from Jesus.

Oswald Chambers

You, child [John the Baptist] will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way. You will tell his people how to be saved through the forgiveness of their sins. Because of our God's deep compassion, the dawn from heaven will break upon us, to give light to those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide us on the path of peace." Luke 1:76-79

Q: How does God guide us on "the path of peace?"

RESPOND: Putting peace into practice!

Don't worry (be anxious) about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Q: Can you commit to practicing this until you find peace flooding your thoughts (even in the midst of crisis times)?

PRAY
On it
PRAY
Over it
PRAY
Through it

Individual & Small Group Discussion Guide for the Week

Your cell phone reminder:
Everytime you look at it, say, "*Be with me, Jesus.*"

How is this changing the way you are experiencing His peace?

WHEN and WHERE do you feel the peace Jesus provides?

Pray this for others this week...
I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Jesus: The Hope of the World - ADVENT Calendar

November 27 – HOPE: An Expression Of Gratitude
December 4 – PREPARATION: Finding Peace
December 11 – JOY: What Creates Joy In Us?
December 18 – LOVE: Where Does God's Love Show Up?
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service, 4:00 pm
December 31- New Year's Eve Prayer Service, 4:00 pm
**We will not be gathering to worship on Sunday, December 25 or Sunday, January 1.*

NewDay Envisioning Our Ministry Values

- 1. We are a community that has a passion to serve others.**
 - 2. We are a community that longs for deeper life relationships With God and others.**
 - 3. We are passionate about investing in children, youth, and families.**
 - 4. We are a people who have a desire to be led by and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in everyday life.**
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