

DO YOU HAVE ANY PEACE?

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“For unto us a Child is born,....” **Isaiah 9:6-7**

“On earth peace, goodwill toward men!” **Luke 2:10-14**

BIG IDEA/QUESTION: Do you have any peace?

1. Peace _____. (Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:14)

“Come home.” (Luke 15:11-32)

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” **Matthew 11:28**

2. Peace _____.

“I leave the gift of peace with you—my peace. Not the kind of fragile peace given by the world, but my perfect peace. [So] Don’t yield to fear or be troubled in your hearts” **John 14:27** TPT (John 16:33)

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.” **Colossians 3:15** (Rom. 8:16)

“Be still and know that I am God.” **Psalms 46:10**

3. Peace _____.

“If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.” **Matthew 5:23-24**

“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” **Romans 12:18**

“Make it your top priority to live a life of peace with harmony in your relationships, eagerly seeking to strengthen & encourage one another.” **Romans 14:19** TPT
(Heb. 12:14; Eph. 4:3; 2 Cor. 13:11)

4. Peace _____. (2 Cor. 5:20)

Lastly, as *ambassadors* of God, **we work to bring other people together**. It is his heart, his mission and his mandate. Jesus said, “Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they will be called children of God.” **Matthew 5:9**

“The seed that flowers into righteousness will always be planted in peace by those who embrace peace.” **James 3:18** TV

LET’S GET PRACTICAL

--**Receive him**. Keep on receiving him.

--**Surrender everything to him**.

--**Forgive others**.

--**Humble yourself and reconcile**—make things right.

--**Invite him and his peace to reign in you**.

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For Further Study: Is. 26:3; Num. 6:26; Ex. 14:14; Phil. 4:7, 9; Rom. 15:13; Eph. 6:15; 1 Pet. 3:11