

# Peace

Galatians 5:22-23

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

## Peace: Dictionary Definition

1. freedom from disturbance; tranquillity.
2. a state or period in which there is no war or a war has ended.

## Peace: Church Definition

3. a passive resignation to the painful realities of life

## Peace: Biblical Definition

4. shalom שְׁלוֹמַי - completeness, soundness, welfare, peace

Jeremiah 29:7

But seek the welfare (shalom) of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare (shalom) you will find your welfare (shalom).

Psalms 1:3

He is like a tree

planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

## **Peace: Amplified Definition**

1. not just freedom from disturbance; but full of joyful noise.
2. not just lack of conflict; but relationships full of deep connection
3. not just lack of anxiety; but full of hope for the future

## **Luke 2:14 - Peace on Earth**

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

## **Luke 1:76-79 - Agents of Peace**

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

## **U2 – Peace on Earth**

Heaven on Earth, we need it now  
I'm sick of all of this hanging around  
Sick of sorrow, Sick of pain  
Sick of hearing again and again  
That there's going to be  
Peace on Earth

Jesus could you take the time  
To throw a drowning man a line  
Peace on Earth  
Tell the ones who hear no sound  
Whose sons are living in the ground  
Peace on Earth

## **Living in the in-between**

1. Jesus has brought Shalom
2. Jesus invites us to work for Shalom
3. Jesus will bring Shalom

## **Peace of Mind for the in-between**

### **2 Sources of Anxiety**

1. The Might Be
2. The Might Not Be

### **Do not fear the “Might Be”**

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 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 14:26-27

### **Do not fear the “Might Not Be”**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

## **Peace of Mind**

Knowing that my Jesus is on the throne, that he loves me and all of his gifts are good

## **Agent of Peace**

Because I am at peace, now I can work for peace (Shalom) without anxiety

## **Serenity Prayer**

*“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can, and Wisdom to know the  
difference.”*

Reinhold Niebuhr

## **Questions to Consider**

What is my source of anxiety?

What better gift does Jesus have for me?

How is he inviting me to be an agent of peace?