

GOD'S GLORIOUS PEACE

Peace is freedom from disturbance, it is quiet and tranquility.

Peace is freedom from or the cessation of war or violence.

Peace is difficult to find in today's world.

God's peace is only available to those on whom His favor rests.

If you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, then God's favor and peace is available to you.

It is only through Jesus that peace is available.

Jesus was bruised, beaten, scourged, mocked, tortured and crucified for our peace.

Jesus Christ doesn't just give us peace, He is our peace!

We often look for "pieces" of peace in the things of this world, but that kind of peace is temporary.

God's peace is complete, not "bite size."

If you lack peace in God, then you will lack peace in every other relationship.

Jesus came to give us:

1. Peace with God.

God wants to offer us peace with Him.

Sin separates us from God.

God made a way for us to come to Him through the sacrifice of Jesus.

But we have to accept the gift for it to be ours.

After we accept the gift of salvation, it is not OK to continue in sin.

Jesus died so that we can change, not so that we can remain in sin.

2. Peace with ourselves.

Jesus fills the vacuum in our hearts.

Jesus assures us of our worth.

We are valuable enough to merit His love, so much so that He died for us.

He gives us purpose for our lives and that purpose is to know Him and to make Him known.

We can lose the peace of God when we do not follow the will of God for our lives.

If God is not the most important person or thing in our lives, then whatever is will take over our lives and we will live in a state of rebellion.

If we are in a state of rebellion there can be no peace or favor of God in our lives.

When you experience the favor of God you lose the need for approval from others.

Before you can have peace with God or others, you have to have peace with yourself.

Do you like yourself, do you like who you are?

When you have God's approval, you won't need to look for approval anywhere else.

3. Peace with others.

Our peace does not rely on outer circumstances or other people, but on the abiding presence of Jesus.

The Bible instructs us to even pray for our enemies.

God calls us to be peacemakers.

SCRIPTURE LIST

Luke 2:1-14

Isaiah 53:5

Ephesians 2:14-16

John 14:27