

John 14

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THE PEACE OF GOD

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you (**John 14:27**).

Peace on Earth. That's what everybody wants. But nobody can guarantee external peace because nobody can control other people or circumstances. Nations sign and break peace treaties with frightening regularity. Couples lament that there would be peace in their home "if only he/she would shape up." No one can guarantee peace at home or on the job site. However, we should always strive to be peacemakers. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (**Matthew 5:9**). Paul instructed, "If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men" (**Romans 12:18**).

But let's face it: peace with others isn't always possible because peace doesn't just depend on us. Peace on Earth is what we want; peace with God is what we have; the peace of God is what we need.

Peace with God is something you already have (**Romans 5:1**). It's not something you strive for. It's something you received when you were born again. The Prince of Peace reconciled you to God by shedding His own blood.

The peace of God is something you need to appropriate daily in your inner world during the storms that rage in the external world (**John 14:27**). Many things can disrupt your external world because you can't control all your circumstances and relationships. But you can control your thoughts' inner world by allowing Christ's peace to rule in your heart daily (**Colossians 3:15**). There may be chaos around you, but God is more significant than any storm. I keep a little plaque on my desk, which reminds me, "Nothing will happen to me today that God and I cannot resolve."

The peace of Christ will rule in your heart when you "let the word of Christ richly dwell within you" (**Colossians 3:16**). And when you turn to Him in prayer, "the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (**Philippians 4:7**). (**Neil Anderson**)

Prince of Peace, rule in my heart Today. Give me Your peace, and make me a peacemaker in all my relationships.