

## Jesus Gives Real Peace

*(How to turn the fact of peace into a force for peace)*  
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“I am leaving you with a gift—**peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give.** So don’t be troubled or afraid. Remember what I told you: I am going away, but I will come back to you again. . . .” (John 14:27-29 NLT)

### 3 Kinds of Peace

There is **the feigning** of peace.

“They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. **‘Peace, peace,’ they say, when there is no peace.** Are they ashamed of their detestable conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush. So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when they are punished, says the LORD.” (Jeremiah 8:11-12 NIV)

There is **the fact** of peace.

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,” (Romans 5)

There is **the force** of peace.

As a force . . .

Peace **guards** the heart.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. **And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.** Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure,

whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And **the God of peace will be with you.**” (Philippians 4:4-9 NIV)

Peace **guarantees** the outcome.

“Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and **he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not,** be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury” (Daniel 3)

Peace **generates** the power.

“Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.” (James 3:18 NIV)

Peace **justifies** the process.

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil. **May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.** May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.” (Thessalonians 5:16-26 NIV)

Peace **rewards** the carrier.

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but **we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.** And hope does not put us to shame” (Romans 5:1-5 NIV)