

Enjoying God's Personal Peace October 3-4, 2020

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#### **How to Experience Literal Peace**

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#### God's Peace is:

- More personal than I can imagine.
- More <u>powerful</u> than my circumstances.
- More <u>permanent</u> than my problems.

# **How Do I Enjoy God's Personal Peace?**



I must personally make peace with God.

# Romans 5:1 (GNT)

Now that we have been put right with God through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Colossians 1:20 (NCV)

And through Christ, God has brought all things back to himself again—things on earth and things in heaven. God made peace through the blood of Christ's death on the cross.



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#### Ezekiel 20:12 (NLT)

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#### 2 Benefits When I Rest:

- I'm reminded of who God is.
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#### Psalm 127:2 (LB)

It is senseless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, fearing you will starve to death; for God wants his loved ones to get their proper rest.

#### Proverbs 14:30a (NIV)

A heart at peace gives life to the body,

#### God's Health Plan:

Rest for my body = a <u>heart</u> that is at peace. A heart that is at peace = rest for my body.



I must receive peace as a gift from God.

### John 14:27 (LB)

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid."

# Peace is <u>received</u>, not <u>earned</u>.

### John 14:1 (NIV)

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me."

# The battle for peace is <u>internal</u>, not external.



I must be honest with God and others about what I need.

### Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV)

...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.

### James 5:16 (ESV)

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

### The Principle of Anything is don't worry about anything.

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#### 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (NIV)

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way."



# I must make <u>Jesus</u> my greatest <u>focus</u>.

### Isaiah 26:3 (ESV)

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

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### Colossians 3:15a (AMP)

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