



Behold The King

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3 Types of Peace Available to You:

- _____ peace = **Eternal peace with God**
- _____ peace = **Internal peace with myself**
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Now may God, the fountain of hope, fill you to overflowing with uncontainable joy and perfect peace as you trust in him. And may the power of the Holy Spirit continually surround your life with his superabundance until you radiate with hope!

Five ways to live in this peace:

- * _____ God's forgiveness – Confess my sinfulness and trust in Jesus as my Savior.
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And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts.

God's Word gives _____ promises for peace in life's storms.

Examples:

Broken heart – _____ peace Psalm 34:18 (NIV)

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- Peace with others comes from _____ with other believers.

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_____ on God's love and perfect track record.

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How God revealed Himself before and brought peace in the Old Testament:

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- Noah in a flood
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How God revealed Himself and brought peace to every Christmas character:

- Joseph's experience – a _____
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