

## Peace Psalm 34

### Defining Peace

A state of national tranquility - Exemption from the rage and havoc of war

Peace between individuals, i.e. harmony, concord

Security, safety, prosperity, felicity, (because peace and harmony make and keep things safe and prosperous)

Of the Messiah's peace - The way that leads to peace (salvation)

Of Christianity, the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is

The blessed state of devout and upright men after death Thayer's

### We Should Desire Peace

It demands effort to obtain peace and keep on pursuing it. - **Galatians 5:22-23; 1Peter 3:10-11**

Jesus came to bring peace - **Ephesians 2:14-17**

The Gospel is the "good news of peace" - **Acts 10:36; Ephesians 6:15; Psalms 119:165**

### What Kind Of Peace Are We Considering?

What kind of peace is a fruit of the Spirit? Is it world peace? Is it peace in our homes? Could it be internal peace? It is "peace with God!"

The peace that matters is the result of our reconciliation with God

The Gospel is a message of peace because it promotes the reconciliation of man with God in the blood of Christ - **Colossians 1:19-20; Romans 5:1; 15:13**

### Our Peace Is Rooted In Our Relationship With God

Peace is a product of being right with God and is in our own hearts. - **Philippians 4:5-7**

Peace from our relationship with God will manifest itself in our actions.

With the fruit of peace, conflict and stress (anxiety) tend to fade.

It will be evident in how we interact with fellow Christians and the world - **Colossians 3:15;**

**2Corinthians 13:11; Romans 12:16-18; 14:19; Hebrews 12:14; Ephesians 4:1-3**

This peace comes only from God through Christ and is ours only as we maintain a right relationship with Him based on His word. - **Romans 8:6**

We will not find this peace in human wisdom, philosophy, psychology, sociology, etc. It is revealed only in God's Word -- the last place most think of looking. God knows real peace and how to attain and maintain. - **John 14:6,27**

Because He is the true way to God Jesus can promise peace. If we reject the truth about God and our responsibilities to Him, then our hopes will be blighted by fear, no matter what soothing lies we tell ourselves. - **John 16:33**

In the world we have tribulation; in Christ we have peace.

True peace and rest is found in Christ, right in the midst of a world of trial and trouble. A peace that comes from our reconciliation with God

### Do You Have This Peace?

Do you feel a need for peace about yourself? At work? In your family?

These things are temporary. Change your perspective. - **Romans 14:7-8**

If you are right with God temporal things cannot cause you lasting harm.

If you want peace cultivate the habits of prayer, study and meditation.

One rarely at peace is probably not praying and studying on a regular basis.

So, set aside some quiet time and get in touch with God.

### Obedience Can Free You From The Burdens Of Life

**1John 1:9; 1Peter 3:21-22**