

# **Unworldly Peace in the World**

**Luke 2:14;  
John 14:27; 16:33**

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## **Luke 1:76-79**

**v76** “And you, child, will be called  
the prophet of the Most High;  
For you will go on BEFORE THE LORD  
TO PREPARE HIS WAYS;

**v77** To give to His people  
the knowledge of salvation  
By the forgiveness of their sins,

**v78** Because of the tender mercy of our God,  
With which the Sunrise from on high  
will visit us,

**v79** TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN  
DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH,  
To guide our feet into the way of **peace.**”

# What is the Hebrew word for peace?

## Shalom

### And what does it mean?

- order, well-being, wholeness, completeness
- restored or repaired relationship.



# Luke 2:14

“Glory to God  
in the highest,  
And on earth **peace**,  
Among men who are  
the objects of God’s  
good pleasure / will!”

**THREE  
AREAS OF  
PEACE**

# Colossians 1

**v19** For it was the Father's  
good pleasure for  
all the fullness to dwell in Him,  
**v20** and through Him  
to reconcile all things to Himself,  
having made **peace**  
through the blood of His cross;  
through Him, I say, whether  
things on earth  
or things in heaven.

What is meant by  
“peace **with** God”?

**Romans 5:1**

Therefore, having been  
justified by faith,  
we have **peace with God**  
through our Lord Jesus  
Christ...

# Peace with God **Ro 5:1**

We are no longer under God's wrath.

We are no longer in rebellion, at enmity, with God.

That peace comes through Jesus Christ.

It is a *present* possession.

# What is meant by “peace of God”?

## **Philippians 4**

**v4** Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, rejoice!

**v5** Let your gentle spirit be known to all men.  
The Lord is near.

**v6** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything  
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving  
let your requests be made known to God.

**v7** And **the peace of God**,  
which surpasses all comprehension,  
will guard your hearts and your minds  
in Christ Jesus.

## 2 Thessalonians 3:16

“Now may the Lord of  
**peace** Himself continually  
grant you **peace**  
in every circumstance.  
The Lord be with you all!”

What is meant by  
“peace on earth”?

**Romans 12:18**

If possible, so far as it  
depends on you,  
be at peace  
with all men.

## Matthew 5

**v23** "Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

**v24** leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

# Ephesians 2:13-22

For He Himself

is our **peace**,

who made both groups

into one and broke

down the barrier of the

dividing wall...

# Matthew 5:9

“Blessed are the  
**peacemakers,**  
for they shall be  
called sons of God.”

# How Is Peace Achieved?

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things on earth  
or things in heaven.

Jesus has the  
right and the  
power to bestow  
peace.

# **Romans 5:1**

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justified by faith,  
we have  
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through our Lord  
Jesus Christ...

God brings about  
His Pax  
not by killing  
His enemies  
but by the dying  
of His Son.

# Taking Hold of Peace

## Supplication

### Philippians 4

**v6** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

**v7** And **the peace of God**, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

# Taking Hold of Peace

## Pleasing God

### **Psalm 119:165**

Those who love Your law have great  
**peace,**  
And nothing causes them to stumble.

### **Romans 8:6**

For the mind set on the flesh is  
death, but the mind set on the Spirit  
is life and peace,

# Taking Hold of Peace

## Yield

### **Mark 8:35**

"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

### **John 10:9**

"I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."

**Substantial  
Peace  
Then & Now**

**I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!**

**And thought how,  
as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along The unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!**

**Till, ringing, singing on its way,  
The world revolved from night to day,  
A voice, a chime, A chant sublime  
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!**

**Then from each black,  
accursed mouth  
The cannon thundered in the South,  
And with the sound  
The carols drowned  
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!**

**It was as if an earthquake rent  
The hearth-stones of a continent,  
And made forlorn  
The households born  
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!**

**And in despair I bowed my head;  
“There is no peace on earth,” I said,  
“For hate is strong,  
And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men!”**

**Then pealed the bells  
more loud and deep;  
God is not dead ;  
nor doth he sleep!  
The Wrong shall fail,  
The Right prevail,  
With peace on earth,  
goodwill to men!**

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow 1863

“The church on earth is  
God’s  
visual aid  
to the...world  
of what He is like.”

Sam Allberry

## John 14:27

“**Peace** I leave with you;  
My **peace** I give to you;  
not as the world gives  
do I give to you.  
Do not let your heart  
be troubled,  
nor let it be fearful.”

## John 16:33

“These things I have spoken  
to you, so that in Me  
you may have **peace**.  
In the world you have  
tribulation,  
but take courage;  
I have overcome the world.”