

Peace

Rest in God and Reconciliation with Others

Definition: Peace is the Spirit-wrought rest and settledness of the soul that flows from being reconciled to God through Christ, freeing the believer from ultimate fear and agitation and enabling him to pursue harmony and reconciliation with others according to God's truth.

Growth Pattern

Peace often begins as conviction over unrest, blossoms into trust, forms into reconciliation, and ripens into steady peacemaking under God's rule.

Growth factors	Dangers to watch
Stage 1: Grafted - Conviction I see my alienation from God, inward agitation, and need for peace through Christ.	Danger 1: Grafted - Conviction Confusing peace with avoidance, denial, or simply being left alone.
Stage 2: Flowering - Desire I want to rest in God and pursue harmony without sacrificing truth.	Danger 2: Flowering - Desire Peacekeeping at the expense of truth, repentance, or needed correction.
Stage 3: Early Fruit - Costly Obedience I seek forgiveness, reconcile where possible, resist agitation, and refuse needless conflict.	Danger 3: Early Fruit - Costly Obedience Fear of conflict, controlling outcomes, or needing everyone to be pleased with me.
Stage 4: Ripe Fruit - Settled Service I rest in God's rule and become a courageous, truthful peacemaker for others.	Danger 4: Ripe Fruit - Settled Service Complacency or judging anxious, conflicted, or immature believers harshly.

Self-analysis:

Where do I see this fruit beginning or growing?

Where do I need to repent and abide in Christ?

What danger at this stage do I need to watch?

Who may need to taste this fruit from me?

One act of obedience or prayer this week:
