

THE GIFT OF PEACE

Won't You Be My Neighbor: Part 3

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Peace is holistic, complete and it **TRANSCENDS** all human understanding.

PEACE STARTS WITH GOD!

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives..."
(John 14:27, NIV)*

THREE STEPS TO PEACE

1. PEACE WITH **GOD**.

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:1–2, NIV)

*Peace is spiritual harmony and wholeness brought about by an individual's **RESTORATION** with God.*

The peace of God comes from peace with God!

2. PEACE WITH **OURSELVES**.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." (Colossians 3:15, NIV)

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6–7, NIV)

3. PEACE WITH **OTHERS**.

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." (Romans 12:18, NIV)

“Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.” (Mark 9:50b, NIV)

ACTION STEP: BUILD A BRIDGE OF PEACE

Who do you need to take the peace of God to?

STEPS TO BUILDING A BRIDGE OF PEACE

1. **INITIATE** the conversation.
2. Have **EMPATHY**.
3. Concentrate on the **PERSON** not the problem.
4. Make **RECONCILIATION/PEACE** your aim.