

The Peace of God

Isaiah 48:12-22

The risen Christ revealed to the universe a man filled with divine glory.

Rom. 8:30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Is. 48:9-11 For my name's sake I defer my anger; for the sake of my praise I restrain it for you, that I may not cut you off. Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction. For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.

Is. 48:12-15 Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I called! I am he; I am the first, and I am the last. My hand laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand forth together. Assemble, all of you, and listen! Who among them has declared these things? The Lord loves him; he shall perform his purpose on Babylon, and his arm shall be against the Chaldeans. I, even I, have spoken and called him; I have brought him, and he will prosper in his way.

Is. 48:16 Draw near to Me, hear this: from the beginning I have not spoken in secret; from the time it came to be I have been there. And now the Lord God has sent Me, and His Spirit.

Is. 48:17-19 This is what the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, says: 'I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go. Oh that you had paid attention to My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea; your offspring would have been like the sand, and your descendants like its grains; their name would never be cut off or destroyed from before Me'

I. Foundations for Peace

A. I am the Lord your God

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Deut. 32:9-12 For the Lord's portion is His people, Jacob His allotted heritage. He found him in a desert land, and in the howling waste of the wilderness; **He encircled him, He cared for him, He kept him as the apple of His eye.** Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions, the Lord alone guided him.

Rom. 5:1-2 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.** Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Rom. 8:31-32 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?

Rom. 8:38-39 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

B. God teaches you to profit

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Deut. 8:3-5 And He humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. **Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you.**

Rom. 8:28-29 And we know that for those who love God **all things work together for good,** for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined **to be conformed to the image of His Son,** in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers.

C. He Leads You in the Way You Should Go

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D. Your Redeemer

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Is. 43:3-4 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in My eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.

1 Cor. 6:20 For you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Acts 20:28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood.

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- We are Redeemed by Christ.
- Through the New Covenant, our relationship with God is secure.
- God trains us that we would learn the best.
- God precisely determines all our circumstances for that purpose.

II. Conditions to Experience Peace

Is. 9:6-7 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**. Of the increase of His government and of **peace** there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Is. 32:17 And **the effect of righteousness will be peace**, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.

Is. 26:12 **O Lord, You will ordain peace for us**, for You have indeed done for us all our works.

Num. 6:23-27 Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you **and give you peace**. So shall they put My name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.'

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Josh. 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Ps. 119:165 Great peace have those who love Your law; nothing can make them stumble.

Isa. 26:3 You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

Rom. 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 14:26-27 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Is. 48:22 There is no peace," says the Lord, "for the wicked.

- **Have you been reconciled with God?**
- **Do you know His shalom?**
- **Do you trust Him with your circumstances—so that by relying on Him, you may be filled with His peace?**