



Sermon Title: Unwrapped week 4
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John 16:33

God's Word has a lot to say on the topic of peace. The peace that God offers is calm assurance in the midst of the conflict and turmoil around us.

Pursue the peace that God offers

Let's look at characteristics of peace that God offers.

Did you know that **GOD'S PEACE IS CONDITIONAL**

The Bible is clear that the peace that God offers is available only because of God's grace for those who know Him.

Luke 2:14 NIV says **Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.**

This angelic declaration is not intended to communicate that Jesus came to bring peace to everyone in the world; instead, peace is available only to those who are recipients of God's favor.

GOD'S PEACE IS SPECIFIC

Jesus definitely brings peace- That is evident throughout scripture; the good news is that it is a specific and superior peace.

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed Jesus' birth and called Him Prince of Peace (**Isaiah 9:6**). Jesus is the bringer of peace, and the peace that He gives is a very specific peace. First and foremost, the peace that Jesus brings is peace or reconciliation between sinful mankind and Holy God. **Romans 5:1**

Jesus is the only way for us to have peace with God. Without Jesus, we remain enemies with God. **Romans 5:10, James 4:4**

Sin entered the world through Adam's disobedience, and it spread throughout history to all humanity. **Romans 5:12** Our sinful nature leads us to make sinful choices. As a result of our nature and choices, we are at odds with God, separated from a relationship with Him. We are recipients of

His wrath – that is ultimately cast into a place the Bible describes as the lake of fire for all eternity. [Revelation 20:15](#), [John 3:36](#)

Those who are not in a reconciled relationship with God do not have peace with God. [Isaiah 57:21](#)

If someone doesn't know the Lord yet, it's normal to have fear about facing Him someday. God wants us to be at peace with Him. [1 Thessalonians 5:9](#)

Those who receive His offer of salvation will be in a right relationship with God and be spared His wrath. [Romans 5:9](#)

To justify is to declare someone righteous and not guilty. God, who is perfect and just, cannot wave away the sins of the people throughout the world. A penalty needed to be paid, so Jesus offered to stand in as a substitute and take that penalty. [1 John 2:2](#)

A propitiation is simply a sacrifice that satisfies, or absorbs, God's wrath against sinners and makes God favorable to them. [Romans 10:9](#)

Peace with God begins with the understanding that you need a savior, and only Jesus is that savior. Peace and forgiveness are available to anyone who trusts Jesus for salvation [Romans 5:1](#)

GOD'S PEACE IS GREATER

Under Roman peace, roads were built throughout the empire that allowed people to travel safely from region to region. This was the ideal setting for the gospel to be spread throughout the region and the world. [Galatians 4:4](#)

The peace that God gives is greater than your circumstances because followers of Jesus can have peace through any circumstance. The Apostle Paul says that in order to have peace, we must also be in constant communication with God. [Philippians 4:6-7](#)

First, God's peace is supernatural and unexplainable. It is God's peace that transcends all understanding. Second, God's peace "will guard your hearts and minds." This peace guards believers.

This peace that God provides His children is a gift from Him. [John 14:27](#)

Discussion Questions:

- **What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?**
- **The gospel was birthed and spread during Roman peace. What made that time ideal for spreading the gospel?**
- **Are Christians guaranteed peace in all situations? Explain**
- **How would you explain the difference between biblical and world peace?**
- **Have you ever had peace during a very difficult situation? Explain**
- **Does God give peace to people who are not recipients of His favor? Why or why not?**