

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Faith IRL
Message: Peace Doesn't Depend on Circumstances
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Look back at the definitions we used for “peace”. Which ones do you identify as your experience?

Which ones are not part of your life today?

We can have peace with God.

¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 1:19-20 (NIV)

This is the result of being surrendered to His son Jesus. Do you know that you have accepted

Christ as your Savior and Lord? This is the starting place for real peace. If you aren't sure I am glad to help, you can email me at: rusty.coram@newhope.org.

We can pursue peace with others.

Dear brothers and sisters, I close my letter with these last words: Rejoice. Change your ways. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11 (NLT)

Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

Romans 12:18 (NLT)

We can't dictate that others live in peace with us, but we are called by God to do all that we can to help the process.

Is there anyone that you are having conflict with? Is there anything that you have done to make it worse? If so, you should move toward clearing up your fault in the matter - without blaming them for it!

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no partiality and is always sincere. ¹⁸ And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness.

James 3:17-18 (NLT)

Take a moment now and pray that God will work in this person's life as well as yours.

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NASB – New American Standard Bible
NIV – New International Version
NLT – New Living Translation
TLB – The Living Bible

MESSAGE NOTES



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Jesus' teaching on peace...

Don't imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword.
Matthew 10:34 (NLT)

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.
John 14:27 (NLT)

peace (def): complete, whole, content, harmony with God and others

Biblical peace is *always* accompanied by truth, righteousness, and grace.

Peace is *not* the absence of conflict. It comes from living fully in the presence of God.

I will experience God's peace when I...

...surrender my life to Him.

¹...*we can have real peace with Him because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.*

² *For because of our faith, He has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to actually becoming all that God has had in mind for us to be.*

Romans 5:1-2 (TLB)

...submit my heart and mind to His training.

⁸ *And now, dear brothers and sisters, let me say one more thing as I close this letter. Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.* ⁹ *Keep putting into practice all you learned from me and heard from me and saw me doing, and the God of peace will be with you.*

Philippians 4:8-9 (NLT)

...and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:5 (NASB)

...strive to be a peacemaker for His sake.

God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.

Matthew 5:9 (NLT)

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James 3:17-18 (NLT)

Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

Hebrews 12:14 (NIV)