



WOW: Word Of the Week

Peace

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We live in troubled times—times filled with anger, hatred, rage, racism, injustice, divisiveness, suspicion, even paranoia. Jesus came that we might have peace. The angelic declaration to the shepherds spoke of “peace on earth.” A peace that passes understanding is found in Christ Jesus.

The prophet declared the coming of the “Prince of Peace.” “For unto us a child is born, unto 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.” (Isaiah 9:6)

Can there really be peace on earth? Can I have peace in my personal life? What do God’s prophecy and promises say? What can we expect? What are we missing?

Peace with God. “We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1)

We can have the peace of God.

Jesus said, “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart, not like the peace the world gives. Don’t be troubled or afraid.” (John 14:27)

“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. And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness.” (James 3:17-18).

“Rejoice in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 4:4-7).

Peace with everyone.

Romans 12:18, “Insofar as is possible, live in peace with everyone.”

“We are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves, and we are not at peace with ourselves because we are not at peace with God.” (Thomas Merton)

Peace with myself.

If I live in peace with everyone, will I finally have peace? No. One challenge remains—peace with myself. Only in Christ can we find peace that surpasses our human tendency to doubt self. Peace on earth, incomplete until I find peace with me.