

The fruit of the Spirit ...



Peace (Hebrew – shalom, Greek – irene)

Occurrences and other related words total in KJV 400+

Various meanings are given :-

And the man wondering at her held his peace . Genesis 24:21

So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "*It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace.*" Genesis 41:16 KJV

"These men *are* at peace with us. Therefore let them dwell in the land and trade in it. " Genesis 34:21 NKJV

Oxford English Dictionary definition of peace.

(Internal)

- 1 **Freedom from disturbance; tranquility.**
- 1.1 **Mental or emotional calm.**

(external)

- 2 **A state or period in which there is no war or a war has ended.'**
- 2.1 **A treaty agreeing peace between warring states.**
- 2.2 **The state of being free from civil disorder.**
- 2.3 **The state of being free from dissension.**

Peace - The Bible definition

The first occurrence in the Bible

Genesis 15:15

You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age.

Given to Abraham –

- 1, A man in relationship with God
- 2, A promise of blessing and security, and long life

It is a spiritual thing

Peace - God's blessing to Israel

"I will grant peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid. I will remove wild beasts from the land, and the sword will not pass through your country. "

Leviticus 26:6

" the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. "

Numbers 6:26

Peace - of a different kind

" Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

John 14:27

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

Jesus promises his peace

Peace - Where does it start ?



With God

The phrase “The God of peace” occurs 5 times in the NT
eg. in Romans 15:33 ‘The God of peace be with you all.’

Where does it start ? – there is a war going on !

It is on-going

"There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."

Isaiah 48:22

False religion

They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. "Peace, peace," they say, when there is no peace.

Jeremiah 8:11

False peace in world

For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labour pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

1Thessalonians 5:3

A Disturber of the Peace

in John Bunyan's 'Holy War'



This one is on your side.

(eg. Romans 2:15)

The road to Peace – step one

God took the initiative

GOD so LOVED the world that HE GAVE

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Colossians 1:19 - 20



The road to Peace – step one

God took the initiative

Bringing Jew and Gentile together

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace,

Ephesians 2:14-15

And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

Ephesians 2:17



The road to Peace – step two

Each of us need to be at peace with God

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call." With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 2:37-41

The road to Peace – step three

Keeping it

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:4 - 9

The road to Peace – step four

Spreading it

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20-21

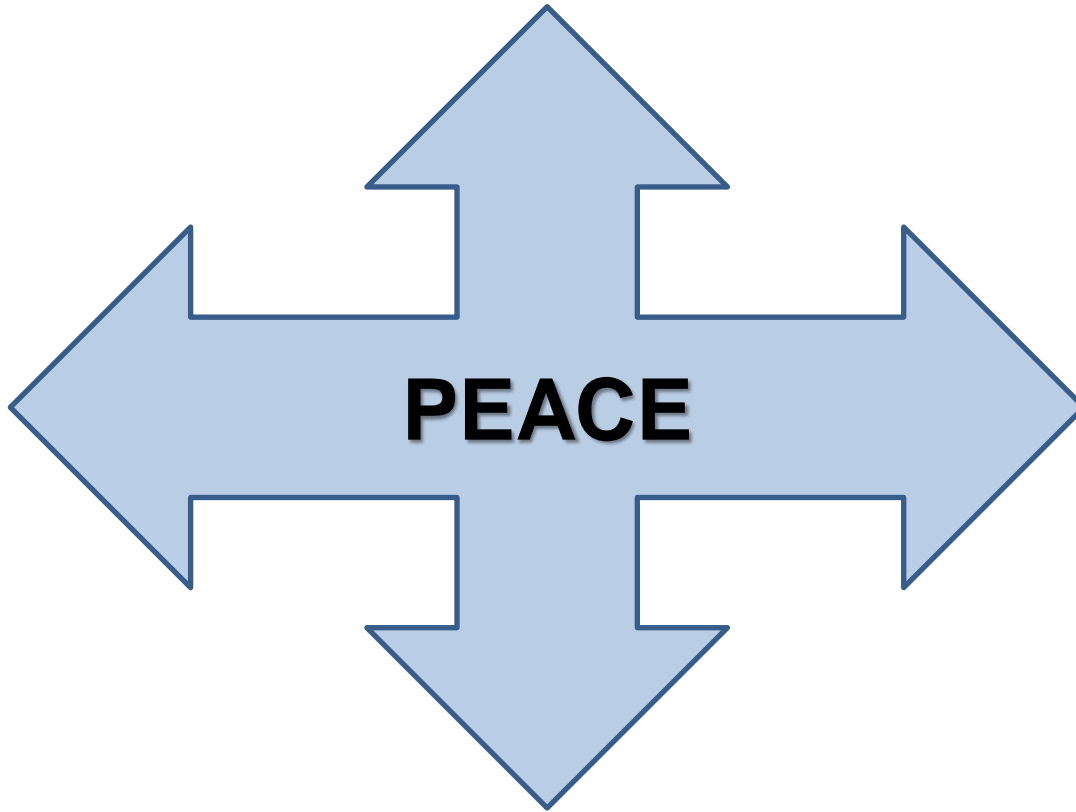
And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?

As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:15

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

With GOD

**With
others**



**With
others**

**In your
conscience**

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

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“My peace I give you.”