

“The Reason for Hope!” ‘Peace Has Come’ Isaiah 9:6-7, John 14:27

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In commenting on the peace of God, Spurgeon testified: “I looked at Christ, and the dove of peace flew into my heart; I looked at the dove of peace, and it flew away.”

---Charles Spurgeon

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines “Peace:

1. A state of tranquility or quiet: a state of security or order within a community provided for by law or customs.
2. Freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions
3. Harmony in personal relations
4. The verb form is to be, become, or keep silent or quiet

In the Bible, the Hebrew and Greek language has two good words for Peace: (Bible Project)

1. **Shalom** – which means complete or whole: Shalom refers to something that’s complex with lots of pieces that’s in a state of completeness, and wholeness. It can also refer to a wall without holes or gaps in it. The verb form means to bring or give peace or completion!
2. **Eirene** – has a similar meaning to shalom but it is used in the NT to describe Jesus coming as peace or giving peace! Romans 5:1

1.) Jesus came to bring peace that the world could never offer! Isaiah 9:2-7

A. Those who live in turmoil and angst against God don't even realize that they are living without God's peace!
V2

- a. Before Christ we walk in darkness blinded to our own depravity. **1 John 3:9**
- b. Christ can shine a light into the darkest parts of our lives and souls.
- c. When we follow Jesus, we no longer walk in darkness or despair. **John 8:12**

B. The Father has given us the gift of peace through His Son Jesus. This is a peace that will never end. V6-7

- a. Peace comes when we surrender to Jesus as being our "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace!"
- b. We can't separate God's justice and righteousness from His peace! V7

2.) Part of the reason we don't feel peace is because we are at war with God! James 4:4-8; Colossians 1:19-23

- A. Friendship with the world puts enmity between us and God.
 - 1. Your soul can never find peace as long as you are fighting against God!
 - 2. You can't be both prideful and filled with God's peace at the same time!
- B. To find peace we have to humble and submit ourselves to the Lord. Jesus is King we are not!

C. Because of Christ's death, and resurrection our relationship with God can be made whole!

3.) Because of Jesus we can have peace in the midst of trials and hurts! John 14:26-27; Isaiah 26:3-5

- A. Jesus is telling his disciples that he leaves his shalom or completeness with them. They don't have to fear heartache and hardship because He is the only one who can give peace!
- B. The only way to keep perfect peace is to keep your eyes and heart on Jesus.
- C. We must humble ourselves and realize our need for Christ!

Closing Questions!

- 1.) Do you have God's Shalom in your life right now?
- 2.) Does your peace rest upon the wonderful counselor or others who are fallen and broken people?
- 3.) What are you doing to spread the peace of Christ to others?
- 4.) Is there something missing in your life today?