

## SECRETS OF A PEACEFUL LIFE

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What do most people seek while living on earth? Peace. Peace from harm, war, suffering and any evil. Can man guarantee the world peace? Sadly, the answer is no. Can God guarantee mankind peace? Yes, but a special kind.

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God" {Romans 5:1,2} **PEACE WITH GOD-BY FAITH**. A change takes place in the sinner's state, when he is truly converted to Christ. Justification takes away the guilt and makes way for peace.

"Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue." {2 Peter 1:2,3} **PEACE MULTIPLIED- THROUGH KNOWLEDGE**. The understanding of what we have in Christ is greater than this world!

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6,7) **PEACE OF GOD THROUGH PRAYERFULNESS**.

Do you have anxiety and worry? Pray about it. What peace we can gain by a dialogue with our Maker. Knowing He cares and hears our prayers – what peace this affords us!

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful." {Colossians 3:15} **PEACE RULING-IN SUBMISSION**. If the Lord is first in our lives we learn to get along in life, willingly submitting ourselves to His council and guidance in all situations of life.

"The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you." (Philippians 4:9) **GOD OF PEACE-BY OBEDIENCE**. Obedience has always been important and required by God. Our enjoyment of His blessings is dependent on our faithful conduct and godly living. "And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him. {Hebrews 5:9}.

"Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble. LORD, I hope for Your salvation, And I do Your commandments. My soul keeps Your testimonies, And I love them exceedingly." {Psalm 119:165-167} **GREAT PEACE-BY LOVING THE WORD**. By the word of God we have direction in our lives. We can be assured that the paths, the choices and decisions we make, are pleasing to Him. How? By His word!

"You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You. Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength. " (Isaiah 26:3,4)

**PERFECT PEACE- THROUGH TRUSTING.**

Christians are protected from the difficult obstacles and stumbling blocks that the world and Satan can throw at us. We understand the temporal nature of the world. Troubles are fleeting and suffering will come to an end. If we can put our hands in His hands--what more protection could we have? Can the world give us such peace? No! Only God can! "...For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you. So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?' {Hebrews 13:5,6} Truly the child of God has the best reason to live in peace because God is with us every step of our journey! \*\*\*