

# Greatest Gift, Ever! "Authentic Peace"

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**Isaiah 9:6-7**...For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. 7. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this. (NASB)



**Jesus came to give authentic peace!**

**The place of peace is actually a person of peace. The only lasting source of peace is God himself.**

**How do we discover Authentic Peace...**

## **I. Where can we go for peace?**

- **Spiritual peace is peace with God.**

"Therefore, since we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" Roman 5:1 (HCSB)

- **Emotional peace is the peace of God.**

". . . since God is not a God of disorder but of peace" 1 Corinthians 14:33 (HCSB)

**This peace is not the absence of conflict, but an ability to cope with the conflicts and frustrations of life.**

"Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" Philippians 4:6-7 (HCSB)

"And let the peace of the Messiah, to which you were also called in one body, control your hearts. Be thankful" Colossians 3:15 (HCSB)

## **II. How do we maintain peace?**

"So then, we must pursue what promotes peace and what builds up one another" Romans 14:19 (HCSB)

- **If we want peace, we must obey God's Word.**

"Abundant peace belongs to those who love Your instruction; nothing makes them stumble...I obey Your decrees and love them greatly" Psalm 119:165, 167 (HCSB)

**God with peace comes when we live in harmony with Him - when we do what He tells us to do.**

- **If we want peace, we must focus on God's presence.**

" You will keep in perfect peace the mind [that is] dependent [on You], for it is trusting in You " Isaiah 26:3 (HCSB)

- **If we want God's peace, we must trust God's purpose.**

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths" Proverbs 3:5-6 (HCSB)

- **If we want God's peace, we need to ask for it.**

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