

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: PEACE

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, PEACE, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance:..." (Galatians 5:22,23)

PEACE = completeness, soundness, well-being, grace, righteousness.

The removal of sin through the sacrifice of Christ, creates inward PEACE, unhindered by the world's strife. The PEACE of God in the heart, a tranquility of mind as a right relationship to God. That means a free and clear conscience.

True PEACE without God is impossible. "It is not a psychological adjustment, or a sorting out of disturbing pressures to keep them in equilibrium."

How Do we get this PEACE?

1. It comes first with salvation. PEACE cannot reign where sin is. If we let the PEACE of God rule in our hearts, sin will always be challenged.
2. Confession of sin to the Lord restores fellowship and retains PEACE.
3. Through constant contact with God.
4. Through prayer and thanksgiving.
5. Harmony with others. Reconciliation takes the place of conflict.

Look for the signs of PEACE in persons who:

- seek unity and cooperation - works in harmony with others
- is not ruled by confusion or strife
- is not jealous, envious or argumentative
- seeks to reconcile rather than hold grudges
- has a prayerful, thankful spirit
- is not anxious or worried

Warning

Be aware of the enemies of PEACE - anxiety, strife, worry

Additional Scriptures:

Isaiah 26:3, Colossians 3:15, John 14:27, Hebrews 12-11-15, James 3:18, 2 Peter 3:14, Matthew 5:9