

Walking in God's Peace – Part I

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- Everyone wants **peace of mind**. But most of us, if we're honest with ourselves, have to admit that we experience more **stress than peace**.
- > Stress is an unfortunate fact of life in our modern world.
- > Statistics tell us that people in the United States consume **15 tons** of aspirin every day.
- > Sales of **tranquilizers** are at an all-time high.
- ➤ Books on peace of mind become **instant** best sellers.
- > Too much stress is **unhealthy**.
- > Proverbs 14:30 (NIV) says, "A heart of peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones."

I. Three Types of Biblical Peace

➢ Spiritual peace Romans 5:1-8
 ➢ Emotional peace Colossians 3:12-17
 ➢ Relational peace Romans 12:14-18

II. The Promise of God's Peace

➤ Peace is priceless

John 14:25-27

➤ Peace is perpetual

➤ Peace in the midst of problems

John 16:33

III. How to Receive God's Peace

- ➤ Peace comes through *obeying* God's principals. *Psalm* 119:165-167
- ➤ Peace comes through *accepting* God's pardon. *Micah 7:18-19; I John* 1:8-10
- ➤ Peace comes through *focusing* on God's presence. *Isaiah 26:3*; *Psalm 46:1.10*



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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO FOCUS ON? WE HAVE A CHOICE OF EITHER FOCUSING ON OUR PROBLEMS OR FOCUSING ON GOD, WHO HOLDS THE SOLUTION.

- ➤ Peace comes through *trusting* God's purpose. *Prov. 3:5-6; Philippians 4:10-13*
- Peace comes through asking for God's peace Philippians 4:6-7
 - o Prayer is the cause; peace is the effect.
 - o Worry is the opposite of peace; they cannot coexist.
 - Worry comes from the German word which means, "to choke."
 Luke 8:14
 - o Prayer is a tremendous stress reliever. *I Peter 5:7*