

# Peace—a Manifestation of the Grace of God

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## I. Introduction.

- A. We are to be strong in the grace of Christ Jesus. (II Timothy 2:2)
- B. Grace always precedes grace. If there is a lack of peace, it is because there is no grace.

## II. Peace is not...

- A. The absence of pressure.
- B. The absence of healthy disagreement.
- C. The need to be right. (Romans 14)

## III. Peace is...

- A. Peace with God.
  - 1. This is a legal relationship. (Romans 5:1)
  - 2. It is a fact.
- B. The peace of God.
  - 1. This is peace over fear and anxiety.
  - 2. It is a fortress around one's heart. (Philippians 4:6-7)

## IV. Gaining peace.

- A. God is capable of many emotions but not of worry. (Zephaniah 3:17)
- B. Imitate God knowing that God is with us. (Ephesians 5:1)
- C. Spend time in prayer. (I Samuel 10:26, Psalm 131)
  - 1. Be anxious for nothing. (Philippians 4:6-7)
  - 2. We are stewards of everything and own nothing.
  - 3. We must spend time in prayer to bring God back into focus. (Romans 15:13)

D. Be responsibly involved. (Psalm 131; Isaiah 26:1, 3-4; Romans 15:13)

1. Ask God what to do after reviewing Scripture.
2. Only do for what you are responsible. (John 11)

**Application questions:**

1. What are the different types of peace with God? Why is it important to distinguish them?

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2. How does ownership relate to anxiety?

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3. What does it look like to be “responsibly involved” in your life? Explain.

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