

Life Principles Notes

Practical Lessons for Understanding the Word of God

在主裡的平安

THE KEY TO CONTINUED PEACE

in the midst of betrayal

true genuine peace

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KEY PASSAGE: John 14:1 | **SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 48:22; 57:20-21; 58:9; 59:1-2 | John 14:27; 16:33
Acts 1:8 | Romans 5:1, 9-10; 8:14-15, 28 | Galatians 5:22-23 | Philippians 4:6-7 | Colossians 1:20

神的兒女, 祂造的人, 祂造生命! * 神所賜的平安

路一:3; 約十四:1
賽四八:22; 五九:1-2
五八:9; 五九:1-2
約十四:27; 十六:33
徒一:8
羅五:1; 九:28
八:14-15; 28
加五:22-23
腓四:6-7
西一:20

SUMMARY: John 14:15, 16 are all encouraging!

Life is so unpredictable—who can have genuine peace?

Wealth disappears, jobs end, relationships fail. Even good health is not a guarantee. So much of life is uncertain. Believers tend to seek peace the same way the world does. We expect to find security in relationships, wealth, success, possessions, or appearance.

But there is only one reliable source of supernatural peace. As believers in Christ, you and I can experience inner serenity that isn't dependent on circumstances. The secret to this amazing tranquility is surrender to our heavenly Father. *Peace with God is the fruit of oneness with God.* We experience peace beyond human comprehension when we are submitted to His will and trust Him to provide what we need.

We believe in a living God.

SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLES:

God's Supernatural Peace

Have you ever wondered, "Lord, where are You? Why don't You provide what I need?" Even in the midst of trying situations, you can have supernatural peace. How? By placing your trust in Jesus and allowing Him to bring you the security and comfort you need. The type of peace Christ offers doesn't depend on life's triumphs and challenges, but on His unchanging character (John 14:1, 27).

我們所信是一位活神! * 神一定會引領我們, 如果我們順服, 依靠祂. *

He is your peace! 神是你的平安(來源).

The secret to supernatural tranquility is to release our burdens to the Lord. Philippians 4:6-7 tells us, "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 comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." This kind of peace is unchanging—it doesn't come and go depending on circumstances.

Peace with God: first step: 賽五八:9 (sin separates us from God) - one time decision

There is a difference between peace *with* God and the peace *of* God. Before people can experience the full measure of the Lord's comfort, they must first become born-again. In other words, they must accept His forgiveness for their wrongdoing and surrender to His control. Before people trust Christ as Savior, their iniquities separate them from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). The Bible calls them "enemies of God" (Rom. 5:10). The lost might believe He exists but refuse to let Him meet their needs—thus working against His purposes for their lives. Until people surrender control of their lives to Jesus Christ, they will not have genuine peace. (See Isaiah 48:22.) Unbelievers may experience happiness, but not the kind of deep inner serenity that endures.

If you are not yet a child of God, begin by accepting His gift of salvation. As His son or daughter, you will be justified by faith and have peace *with* Him (Rom. 5:1; 8:14-15). Then you can learn how to walk in the peace of God.

神的仇敵

賽四八:22
* 惡人必不得平安!

西一:20

行在神的平安中!

in God & from God ... → inner peace ... → outer actions & appearance

The Peace of God

second step:
在过程, 有圣灵内住的平安

Most of us can point to areas of our lives that cause stress, unhappiness, and turmoil. Some things we can change; many we cannot. But regardless of the situation, any believer can find serenity and calm. Jesus told His disciples, "My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful" (John 14:27). Our culture looks to possessions, human relationships, or accomplishments to bring them security. The world—and often believers—expect marriage, sexual intimacy, physical attractiveness, prosperity, or a successful career to bring them peace. But none of these things can guarantee a sense of inner tranquility. Because each one is subject to change, attempting to find peace through them is futile.

The peace of God is not dependent on circumstances but on a personal relationship with Jesus. He said, "In Me you may have peace" (John 16:33). More specifically, supernatural peace rests on our agreement with God. Here's what I mean: when you submit your daily choices to the Lord, you are in harmony with the Spirit of God, and you will experience peace.

Remember that if you are a born-again believer, the Holy Spirit lives within you to enable you to live a godly life. He produces all kinds of good fruit within you, including peace (Gal. 5:22). As you cooperate with the Spirit, He will enable you to have joy, peace, love, and kindness. Through His power, we can have contentment in the midst of pain, heartache, suffering, and misfortune. But those who are prideful and resist God's will for their lives won't have peace.

The Father doesn't promise us a trouble-free life. But if we cultivate an intimate relationship with Him, we can have a quietness that gives us strength so we are not devastated by adversity and heartache.

Our Responsibility

Every single believer has the potential to walk in supernatural peace, no matter what happens.

But you and I have a role to play in appropriating this tranquility. When we face situations that could cause turmoil, we must claim who we are: children of God. His Spirit, who lives within us, will bring us quietness, contentment, serenity, security, and fearlessness.

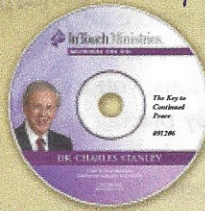
We must also put our focus on God rather than the source of stress. Thinking about painful circumstances—once we have fulfilled our responsibilities regarding them—simply makes them worse. We need to stop dwelling on the negative situations and renew our focus on the Father. Since we are His beloved sons and daughters, God will cause all things to work together for our good (Rom. 8:28). We never have to give up; He's right beside us all the way. Get your eyes off the source of your disappointment and on to Him, and you will know supernatural peace.

CONCLUSION:

Perhaps life has you frustrated right now. Your circumstances might be out of control—or maybe you are simply a little disillusioned with the way life has turned out for you. You might think that more money, a better job, or a certain relationship could make all the difference in how you feel. But there is only one source of peace—the God who holds the universe together.

You and I can focus on our circumstances and try to manipulate them for our own benefit. We can dwell on negative facts and make ourselves ill with worry. Or we can choose to find our peace in the Lord. He will comfort us through the troubles and heartaches of life and give us confidence and unshakable security. Surrender to Him and you can face every day with a powerful sense of indescribable peace.

God: omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent



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Jesus Christ: the Prince of Peace:
surrender to Him

I'm claiming my faith. God keeps His promises!
Trust and obey → follow and receive Him!

仁爱
喜乐
和平
忍耐
恩慈
良善
信实
温柔
节制
↓
见证

平静, 安稳, 保障, 满足, 无懼

要忘记背後(过去
负面的经历), 努力
面前的, 向着标杆
(神的心意及旨意)
直跑, 得神的奖赏!

耶稣说: 我與父原是一, oneness
我们也追求與上帝合一;

降服, 顺從, 交託

神所赐出人意料
的平安, 必定是基
督耶稣裡保守
你的心怀意念!
降服。