# Perfect Peace

*John 14:27*

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**Background**

* Peace is a popular word but almost an impossible reality.
* People talk about finding peace and quiet; law enforcement tries to keep the peace; we try to make peace; until finally we rest in peace.
* Of all the peace treaties signed in the world, how many have been broken? Answer: All of them.
* Only God through His Word can authoritatively point to true and lasting peace.
* Shalom is the OT word for peace. Meaning: a wish for completeness or contentment; Blessing.
* The NT word has the same meaning. Literally “a tranquil state of the soul; a soul at rest or a satisfied soul.
* The world would be happy with to be without trouble, or free from conflict. That is insufficient or incomplete but it is all they could possibly offer.

**Job 5:7**—Man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward.  As inevitably as sparks off a fire go up, man is born to trouble.

**Jn 16:33**— These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.

Setting:

* Thursday night of passion week
* The celebrate the Passover in the Upper room
* This section if full of promises to his disciples and to all believers
* He promises them truth
* Now He promises them peace

4 Incredible Aspects of this Divine Peace

1. The Nature of Peace

A. Objective Peace—Outside of you; Transactional in Nature; a Gift, v 27

**Jn 14:27**—Peace I leave with you.

**Rom 5:1**—Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Eph 6:15**—and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

**Rom 5:10**—For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=rom+5%3A10&version=NASB#fen-NASB-28058a)]by His life.

**Ps 7:11**—God is a righteous judge, And a God who has indignation every day.

**Rom 5:11**—And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

**2 Cor 5:18-19**—Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 19namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

**2 Cor 5:21**—He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**Col 1:19-22**—For it was the *Father’s* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, 20and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven. 21And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds, 22yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach.

**Jam 4:4**—You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

B. Subjective Peace—inside of you or experiential in nature

**Rom 15:13**—Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Rom** **14:17**—for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

C. Peace is Inseparable from Joy

1. The Source of Peace

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A. The Peace of God (cf. Rom 15, Rom 16, Phil 4, 1 Thes 5, Heb 13, 2 Cor 13, 1 Cor 14)

**2 Thes 3:16**—Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!

**Jn 16:14**—He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

**Gal 5:22**—But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

B. Comes from a Perfect Trust in the Father

**Heb 12:2**—fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Jn 19:10-11**—So Pilate said to Him, “You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?” 11Jesus answered, “You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has *the* greater sin.”

1. A Transcendent Peace

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1. World Peace is Inadequate

**Is 48:22**— “There is no peace for the wicked,” says the Lord.

**Is 57:21**—“There is no peace,” says my God, “for the wicked.”

**Jer 6:14**— “They have healed the brokenness of My people superficially, Saying, ‘Peace, peace,’ But there is no peace.

**Luke 19:42**—saying, “If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes.

**I Thes 5:3**—While they are saying, “Peace and safety!” then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

1. The Pursuit of Peace

**Jn 14:27**—…Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid.

**Ps 34:14**—Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

**1 Peter 3:11**—He must turn away from evil and do good; He must seek peace and pursue it.

**Is 26:3**—The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace,
Because he trusts in You.

**Is 32:17**—And the work of righteousness will be peace, And the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.

**Col 3:15**—Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

**2 Peter 3:14**—Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless.

**Matt 6:25**—For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, *as to* what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

**Phil 4:4**—Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

**Phil 4:6**—Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.