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How do we find peace in stressful times? 1. Obey His Word 2. Trust His Leading 3. Experience His presence

PEACE EARTH

18 & 19 Dec 25 Dec



How can we be at Peace with One Another?

- Relate as One Body
- Receive the Peace of Christ
- Recognise the Goodness in others

How to respond to the Peace of God?

Praise God for His glory
 Ponder God's truth in our hearts
 Present God's message to the lost



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<u>WHY</u> we can Peace for all time!



Why we can have peace for all time? Because God can give us peace for all time. Because God wants to give us peace for all time.

Outline of 2 Thessalonians

C1 Reality of Persecution = Challenges C2 Reality of False Teaching = Confusions C3 Reality of Irresponsible members = Conflicts

1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: 2 Grace to you and <u>peace from God</u> the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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What is Peace?

Total well-being, prosperity, and security associated with God's presence among his people. Linked in the OT with the covenant, the presence of peace, as God's gift, was conditional upon Israel's obedience. In prophetic material, true peace is part of the end-time hope of God's salvation. In the NT, this longed-for peace is understood as having come in Christ and able to be experienced by faith.

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but he says 'the Lord of peace <u>HIMSELF give you peace</u>,' as if He alone in His own person could give peace, and as if His presence were the sole means of such a divine peace as He desires."

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The Lord of Peace



The Bear Cub and Cougar

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Isa26:3 (ESV) You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

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2 Peter 1

20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Ps 119: 165 Those who **love Your law** have **great peace**, And nothing causes them to stumble.

Jn14: 27 Peace I leave with you; **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.

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Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."





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Isa 61:3

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CHORUS

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes

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VERSE 3

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