

TALK IT OVER

HOW TO OBTAIN PERSISTENT PEACE

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Class # 21

In the last 5,600 years, the world has only known 292 years of peace! In that time there have been 14,351 wars and 3.64 billion people have died. Everyone talks about peace, but it seems to be something unattainable, far-fetched, and only found in fables and fairy tales.

IMPORTANT: We can't confuse the peace of this world with the peace that God offers (**John 14:27 NLT**). God's peace protects your mind and your heart (*the two areas that Satan attacks*). The difference between the two is that God's peace does not abandon you during trials, crisis, and deep sorrows (**John 16:33**). Someone said: "*Peace is not the absence of danger, but the presence of God.*" If God's present, your peace will persist!

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. When you think about peace, what's the first thing that comes to your mind?
2. According to **Philippians 4:6-7**, what should we do to experience God's peace?
3. How often do you share / proclaim God's peace with others? (**Isaiah 52:7**) Are your feet beautiful in the eyes of your Heavenly Father?



"Submit to God, and you will have peace; then things will go well for you. Listen to his instructions and store them in your heart."

- Matthew 16:24 (NLT)

SIMPLICITY

Philippians 4:6-7 offers great practical advice for obtaining persistent peace: *Trade every worry for a prayer.* The next time you feel anxious or worried about something: STOP, DROP, and PRAY! Right then and there! Trade every concern and worry for a prayer! It works!

I encourage and challenge you to:

- **Seek peace - Psalm 34:12-14**
- **Make peace - Matthew 5:9**
- **Give peace - Isaiah 52:7**

Jesus guaranteed that in this life, we would have many problems and sorrows (**John 16:33**), but he also made provision for us to enjoy peace in every moment and season of our lives. Challenge the group to strengthen their life in the Spirit. (**Romans 8:6**)

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT STEPS COURSE

4th of JULY CELEBRATION EVENT

MEN'S CONFERENCE: INFLUENTIAL

July 4 (9am via Zoom or Live)

July 4 (6:30pm)

August 20-21