

*"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27 no2 KJV*



Unhurried, undisturbed, safe, and secure are just a few of the terms we use to describe peace and I would add, contented. Contentment is the state of needing nothing, satisfied. "Jesus said... "I am the...Truth. Thy Word is Truth. Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall MAKE you free. Great peace have they which love Thy Law (god's Word) and NOTHING shall offend them." The true believer has all this in the Blessed presence of the indwelling Omnipotent Spirit of Truth. When we allow the desires and impulses of our flesh (lust) to interrupt our obedience to the Word of God, we voluntarily abdicate divine Peace. Your mind is your thoughts and your thoughts are unspoken words. The mind of Christ is God's Word. It is always at perfect rest, because "forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven." If God's Word does not enter our thoughts and lives, it is because we do not "let" it. We consciously choose what we think about. We allow the flesh to have the throne of our thoughts through pursuit of pleasure, or we allow the "mind of Christ." We may react to pain, but what we think is up to us. Some curse when they hit their thumb with a hammer, some praise the Lord, and some say nothing but, "Ouch!" It may be a speedy choice, but a choice, nonetheless. Thought patterns mold thinking. Good thought patterns produce good thoughts, and bad patterns, bad thoughts. Thought patterns are voluntary choices. Our Peace or the lack thereof, is a result of our meditation, thinking. We all meditate. Why choose to wallow in fretting about that which you can do nothing and obsess over procurement of wealth or physical pleasure (addiction)? Faithfully obey God and choose "the mind of Christ." Thinking on God's Word and letting it determine your actions is "proving what is acceptable unto the Lord." You can't properly evaluate choices without Truth. Daily reading of God's Word allows it to be remembered and it will influence your decisions. Meditating on scripture enables the Holy Spirit to bring it to remembrance when needed. Learning is nothing more than remembering what you've read or heard. Learning's main function is to fill the memory with knowledge. "The beginning of knowledge is the fear of the Lord." Truth is the foundation of all knowledge. Without it, knowledge becomes a lie and is worthless. Many choose to waste their lives in the pursuit of fiction, because they refuse to acknowledge God. "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools...And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind." Our world is replete with reprobates! Without God you will never have peace, anywhere!

The Peace of God will calm your soul,  
And make your life completely whole,  
It comes to man by grace alone,  
By martyred Lamb whose Blood atoned. ~CGP

Peace is a personal choice. If you choose to have it, you may. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out!" God's Word keeps me at peace. I remain contented and satisfied, because I know God knows ALL my needs and will provide them exactly when I need them. God never is before His time and never is behind!

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