

How to Finally Have Peace in Your Life

Healing, Part Seven

Yes, it's possible to live at peace with God, with self, and with others, when we understand, embrace, and put on display the truth, the unconditional love, and the grace of God.

We're going to talk about **peace** today - how to *have* peace and how to *make* peace, but you need to know that this message *builds* on the messages we've previously shared...

- Having decided to get real about our brokenness,
- Having gotten our stories straight about God, about self, and about our pain,
- Having surrendered our need to be in control to the Holy Spirit,
- Having been cleansed by the forgiveness of God, and
- Having exchanged our unhealthy habits for healthy habits...

You CAN live life at peace:

- With God (through a relationship with Jesus Christ)
- With yourself (as you accept God's grace and healing work)
- With others (as you learn to make peace with other people)

Jesus said...

Matthew 5:9 NLT

God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.

How can you live at peace with God, with others, and with yourself?

There are two basic steps.

1. Learn to RECEIVE peace.

You can't give away what you don't possess.

Jesus is the ultimate example of what peacemaking looks like.

Ephesians 2:14-16 NLT

For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.

Jesus has offered us a peace we could never earn or create on our own.

Romans 5:1-2 NLT

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

2. Learn to MAKE peace.

You'll never HAVE peace until you're willing to MAKE peace.

What peacemaking is NOT:

- Absorbing abuse
- Enabling sin
- Overlooking error

Sometimes boundaries are a healthy part of a peaceful relationship.

What peacemaking IS:

- Giving up the need to compete
- Living with nothing left to prove
- Giving grace instead of getting even
- Respecting truth while showing unconditional love
- Bringing the peace of Jesus to the world around you

Some people will never receive your attempts at peacemaking. Be at peace with that.

No matter how unpeaceful things get here, we know that Jesus, as the King of peace, will absolutely bring perfect peace to his family forever.

Isaiah 9:6-7 NLT

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. [7] His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

***If you're at peace with God TODAY (through a relationship with Jesus Christ),
then you'll be at peace with God FOREVER (when he comes to restore and rule all things).***