

Finding and keeping Peace with God –

Famous peace treaties included: Massasoit and Squanto with the colonials, revolutionary war, civil war, ww2,

We are at war with God and our sin fights Him at every turn. Unless we surrender, the war continues until we lose!

(Slide #2) A relationship with Peace? (prince of peace) - 3 circles (slide #2B)

PEACE for 1. our soul (deep eternal rest)... 2. Life's purpose (70 year decisions)

3. our daily life (things that only matter in the moment) ...

Isa 9:6 – For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**. -Isaiah 9:6

These things I have spoken to you, that **in Me you may have peace**. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. -John 16:33

Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they shall be called sons of God. -Matthew 5:9
(*peacekeepers are "people pleasers", peacemakers embrace God, no matter what*)

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; **the punishment that brought us peace** was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. -Isaiah 53:5

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, **live at peace with everyone**. -Romans 12:18

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, **we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ. -Romans 5:1

(slide #3) Define it – tranquility, calm hush, quiet rest, stillness, harmony, order.
Antonym – (opposite) chaos, conflict, war, strife, struggle, discord, noise, irritation.

The natural / carnal / flesh is at war with the spirit (we want our sin and our peace)

(Clip #3B) The Apostle – starring Robert Duval – clip...

When we are alone? What do we feel?

ONLY 1 Requirement for peace = REPENTANCE!

Matt 3 – JTB -His constant theme was, ²“Turn from your sins . . . turn to God . . . for the Kingdom of Heaven is coming soon. “Who said that you could escape the coming wrath of God? . . .¹⁰“And even now the ax of God’s judgment is poised to chop down every unproductive tree. They will be chopped and burned.

“Come to me and you will find REST for your soul” - Matt 11:28

Enemies of peace:

1. anxiety (worry, stress, busy-ness, accomplishing, acquiring) -
2. doubt - 3. Fear - 4. **IT IS ALL SIN**

(slide 4 A)

Isa 59:2 - But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

Gal 5:4 - You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

Matt 7:23 - Then I will say to them, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you wicked people!'

(slide 4B) Consequences of SIN...

Luke 13:24 - “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵ Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’ “But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’
²⁶ “Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’
²⁷ “But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’

Most people seek the “byproduct” of a relationship with God, but don’t really want God. We want peace, love, mercy, grace, etc

Philippians says - Be anxious about nothing, but give thanks in everything

Jesus said - Martha, Martha, you are worried about many things...

1 Peter 3:7 - be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect... as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

How to “cultivate” not create PEACE:

1. plan alone time – “get a happy place” - learn to wait...tell others to wait...
2. give up control
3. meditate on His word...

Hosea 10:12 - Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

TLB - plow the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and shower salvation upon you.

For, Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. They must turn from evil and do good; **they must seek peace and pursue it.** -1 Peter 3:10-11

Rom 8:16 – The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

(slide #4 c) And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. -Philippians 4:7

(Slide # 5) Mark 4:39 - Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

(clip #7) Music Video – L Dagle