

## ***Living a Fruitful Life: Peace***

### **Galatians 5:22-23**

#### Main Point:

Despite sin and its many effects, you can still have peace in your life; therefore, pursue the peace that is yours to enjoy.

1. A Christian has peace with God.

2. A Christian can have peace within.

3. A Christian should have peace with others.

4. Therefore, pursue the peace that is yours to enjoy.

**Psalm 5:4-6** 4 For You *are* not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. 5 The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. 6 You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. (NKJV)

**Colossians 1:21-22a** 21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death ... (NKJV)

**Romans 5:1** 1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (NKJV)

**Jerry Bridges** "This is the point at which all peace begins. We cannot have peace within or peace with other people until we first have peace with God."

**John 16:33** 33 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." (NKJV)

**Ephesians 1:22** 22 And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, (NKJV)

**Psalm 112:7-8** 7 He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. 8 His heart *is* established; He will not be afraid ... (NKJV)

**Christopher Wright** "This is not just a blasé, 'happy-go-lucky' attitude. Rather it is a settled trust in God's Fatherly care and a steady refusal to give in to anxieties."

**Philippians 4:6-7** 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (NKJV)

**Romans 14:19** 19 Therefore let us pursue the things *which make* for peace and the things by which one may edify another. (NKJV)

**1 Corinthians 12:12** 12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ. (NKJV)

**John 17:20-21** 20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. (NKJV)

**Jerry Bridges** "Few things are as dishonoring to the cause of Christ as Christians quarreling among themselves."

**Isaiah 26:3** 3 You will keep *him* in perfect peace, *Whose* mind *is* stayed on You, Because he trusts in You. (NKJV)

**Jerry Bridges** "If we are serious about intently pursuing peace, we won't be concerned about which of us is the offending party. We will have one goal: to restore peace in a godly manner."