

“Putting Together the Missing Peaces of Our Life”

First Words

The Peace that is with God – Eternal Peace

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

1. Our Problem

The Pagan Individual - **Romans 1:19–20** - *For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.*

The Moral Individual - **Romans 2:14–15** - *For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. ¹⁵ They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them*

The Jewish Individual - **Romans 3:19** - *Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.*

Summary - **Romans 3:23** - *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...*

2. God's Solution

Romans 4:4–5 - *Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,*

Romans 6:23 - *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Steps to the Peace with God

_____ Admit my need - **Isaiah 59:1-2**

_____ Believe in God's remedy - **1 Peter 3:18** and **Romans 5:8**

_____ Claim God's promises - **Romans 10:9**

The Peace that is of God – Internal Peace

Philippians 4:6–9 - *Do not be anxious about anything, 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 your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.*

1. Stop Worrying

2. Start Praying

3. God's Peace will Guard

4. Start Focusing

5. God's Peace will Comfort

John 14:27 - *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*

Steps to the Peace of God

- ☐ I must be willing to deal with the "peace thief"- worry.
- ☐ I must replace worry with prayer - habitually
- ☐ I must be willing to not be in control
- ☐ I must focus on the presence of God over the presence of problems

The Peace that is because of God – External Peace

Ephesians 2:14–15 - *For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace...*

1. The Person of Peace
2. The Process of Peace
3. The People of Peace

Colossians 3:15 - *And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.*

Steps to the Peace through God

- ☐ I must have already experienced peace with God
- ☐ I must be seeking the peace of God
- ☐ I must lose the "siege mentality" & the "I'm right mentality"
- ☐ I must by the Holy Spirit, forgive and forbear



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