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How to Have Peace – Part 1

John 16:33, NKJV; Ephesians 2:14, NKJV

I. We can have peace.

- a. Jesus did not say we could not have problems, trials, temptations, stress, pressure, or problems.
- b. BUT, He did say in the midst of all these tribulations we can have peace.
- c. Jesus said, “**He Himself is our Peace.**” – as a Christian you have the Prince of Peace already living in you and is always with you.
- d. First step to having peace is having Jesus in your heart. (Isaiah 9:6, NKJV)
- e. You can’t have the peace of God without being at peace with God and the only way to have peace with God is through Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:10, NKJV; Romans 5:9-10, TEV)

II. Peace comes from a right relationship with Jesus.

- a. Godly peace that no one can take from you is relational not circumstantial.
- b. The real reason most people don’t have peace is they are trying to find it in the wrong places.
- c. Circumstances will change – God and His Word will never change.
- d. The blessing of peace is given by being the presence of God day by day. (Ephesians 2:14, NKJV)
- e. To live apart from God is to live an incomplete life—empty and without peace.
- f. While in God’s presence or in right relationship with God it is impossible to lose your peace.
- g. When we lack peace we often lack strength to keep going. (Psalm 29:11, NKJV)
- h. We have to be one of the Lord’s people if we want strength.
- i. One of the Lord’s blessings is giving His people peace.
- j. Peace is divinely produced and given from God.

III. What happened to Peace? (Genesis 1:31, NKJV)

- a. The Lord created our world in perfect peace, harmony, and wholeness.
- b. Unfortunately, it was ruined and broken when Adam and Eve sinned – Their disobedience destroyed peace with God.

- c. Sin separates us from the presence of God—which is the only place we can get godly peace. (Genesis 3:9-11, NKJV; Romans 5:12, NKJV; Isaiah 48:22, NKJV)

IV. How can we get peace restored?

- a. Right from the beginning God has had a plan to restore peace through the redemption in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:13-14, GW)
- b. Throughout the O.T. God promised that He would one day restore peace. (Ezekiel 37:26, NIV; Isaiah 9:6-7, NIV)
- c. Jesus is the One who restores peace—God’s promise to restore peace to our lives was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. (Micah 5:5, NIV; Luke 2:14, NIV)

V. How do we maintain the peace with God that no one can take from us.

- a. First, remember it’s relational not circumstantial. (John 16:33, NKJV)
- b. Second, you have to ask God for it. (Luke 11:11-13, NIV)
- c. Third, we must confess and forsake all known sin. (Acts 3:19, KJV)
- d. Fourth, maintain a clear conscience towards God and all men. (Acts 24:16, KJV; NLT)
- e. Fifth, we must believe that it is done. (Hebrews 11:6, KJV; CEV)