

THE FRUIT OF PEACE

Part One

Galatians 5:22–23 NLT

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Peace is not the absence of conflict,
Peace is more than just a tranquil state

Shalom- Peace Hebrew

completeness, soundness, welfare, peace

- 1 completeness (in number)
- 2 safety, soundness (in body)
- 3 welfare, health, prosperity
- 4 peace, quiet, tranquillity, contentment
- 5 peace, friendship
 - Of human relationships
 - With God especially in covenant relationship
- 6 peace (from war)

The word *shalom*, indicates that this dominating peace ultimately gives rise to *prosperity in one's soul*. Rather than allowing the difficulties and pressures of life to break him, a person who is possessed by ("peace") is *whole, complete, orderly, stable, and poised for blessing*.

"Peace" in The New Testament is the Greek word *eirene*.

This Greek equivalent for the Hebrew word *shalom*, which expresses the idea of wholeness, completeness, or tranquility in the soul that is unaffected by outward circumstances or pressures.

The word *eirene* strongly suggests the rule of order in place of chaos. When a person is dominated by *eirene* ("peace"), he has a calm, inner stability that results in the ability to conduct himself peacefully, even in the midst of circumstances that would normally be very nerve-racking, traumatic, or upsetting.

One aspect of peace means oneness. When you have Gods peace, wholeness, completeness, well-being.

Love, joy and peace are nouns, Peace is not just a force it's a person

1. JESUS IS PEACE

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 heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid

John 16:33

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.”

He paid for His Peace to be ours.

Isaiah 53:5 NKJV

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

Colossians 1:20

and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Psalms 55:18

He has redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was against me, For there were many against me.

One Of Gods seven redemptive names is Jehovah-shalom

“The Lord Our Peace,” reveals to us the redemptive privilege of having His peace.

Let's look at the first mention for Jehovah Shalom

Judges 6:1-6 NLT

The Israelites did evil in the Lord's sight. So the Lord handed them over to the Midianites for seven years. 2 The Midianites were so cruel that the Israelites made hiding places for themselves in the mountains, caves, and strongholds. 3 Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, marauders from Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east would attack Israel, 4 camping in the land and destroying crops as far away as Gaza. They left the Israelites with nothing to eat, taking all the sheep, goats, cattle, and donkeys. 5 These enemy hordes, coming with their livestock and tents, were as thick as locusts; they arrived on droves of camels too numerous to count. And they stayed until the land was stripped bare. 6 So Israel was reduced to starvation by the Midianites. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help.

Judges 6:14-16

14 Then the Lord turned to him and said, “Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!” 15 “But Lord,” Gideon replied, “how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!” 16 The Lord said to him, “**I will be with you.** And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man.”

Judges 6:23-24

“It is all right,” the Lord replied. “Do not be afraid. You will not die.” 24 And Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and named it Yahweh-Shalom which means “the Lord is peace”. The altar remains in Ophrah in the land of the clan of Abiezer to this day.

God shows up and says your complete, because I'm with you! I'm giving you my presence so you can have on the inside what I've done on the outside!

Judges 7:2-3

The Lord said to Gideon, “You have too many warriors with you. If I let all of you fight the Midianites, the Israelites will boast to me that they saved themselves by their own strength. 3Therefore, tell the people, ‘Whoever is timid or afraid may leave this mountain and go home.’” So 22,000 of them went home, leaving only 10,000 who were willing to fight.

Now only 300 + 1, Who is you plus one?

Only 300 men and God inflicted a loss of 120k enemies soldiers.

2. CHOOSE PEACE

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 heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Let not your heart be troubled. I'm choosing to believe what Gods Word Says. Reject Fear and say "fear, I reject you this is not who I am!" I am full of Gods peace.

3. YOUR POSITION IN THE FIGHT

Ephesians 6:13 says having done all to stand (firmly in your place). What is your place? Paul teaches us that our place is in Christ.

Isaiah 26:3 NKJV

You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and **peace in believing**, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Psalms 119:165 NKJV

Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble.

"The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety."

George Mueller