

Peace

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased." Luke 2:14

You recall that these are the words the angels announced to the shepherds the night Jesus was born. When God sent His Son into the world, for the first time since the fall of Adam in the Garden of Eden, people had reason to be at peace. As the Apostle Paul taught, "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."¹ Now God could take sinners to heaven without violating His justice and making heaven dirty.

All people acknowledge that the presence of peace is an important component in having a sense of wellbeing. The absence of peace results in anxiety, uncertainty, and insecurity, which in turn produces stress and ill health. Your peace is threatened by such things as fear of the unknown, unjust acts, pain, and broken relationships. The world offers a variety of solutions that will ostensibly bring you peace, but ultimately you will only find it in God.

Three times in the opening of Paul's pastoral epistles he says, "Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord." Peace is the product of God's grace and mercy; you can find it nowhere else. You are wise if you seek it only in your relationship with Christ.

¹ Romans 5:6