

GOD'S PEACE

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“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you...” John 14:27

Why God's Peace Matters

God's peace is not escape from life; it is Christ's rule inside life.

- The world often defines peace as no pressure, no conflict, no bad news.
- Jesus offers a deeper peace that remains when pressure still exists.
- Biblical peace begins with reconciliation to God and flows into the heart, home, church, and witness.
- Peace is both a gift to receive and a spiritual life to cultivate.

KEY TRUTH: Peace is not the absence of storms; it is the presence and government of Christ within us.

By the End of This Class, We Should Be Able To...

Knowledge, conviction, and practice should meet in one place.

KNOW

Explain the difference between peace with God, the peace of God, and peace with people.

DISCERN

Identify common peace-stealers such as fear, prayerlessness, disobedience, bitterness, and uncontrolled thoughts.

PRACTICE

Apply biblical habits that guard peace: prayer, thanksgiving, trust, obedience, forgiveness, and spiritual mindedness.

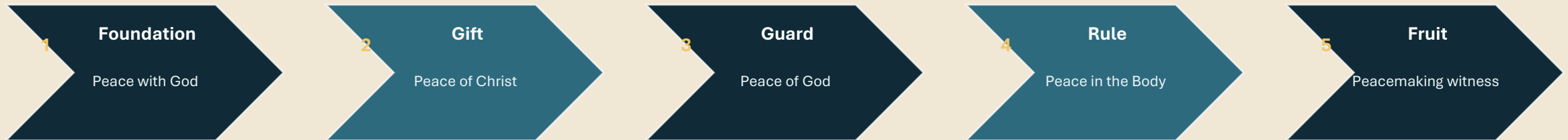
WITNESS

Live as peacemakers who reflect the character of the Father.

Memory verse focus: John 14:27

Lesson Path: From Foundation to Fruit

God's peace moves from the cross to the heart, then to relationships and witness.



Peace is not passive. In Scripture it is received, guarded, ruled by, pursued, and sown.

John 14:27 The Peace Jesus Gives

Spoken to disciples before the cross, before pressure intensified.

John 14:27 (KJV)

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

Observe the contrasts: My peace vs. world’s peace • Give vs. strive • Troubled heart vs. trusted heart.

MEANING

What Do We Mean by “God’s Peace”?

A settled wholeness rooted in God’s presence, promise, and rule.

**Reconciled
with God**

**GOD’S
PEACE**

**Guarded
heart & mind**

**Stayed
mind**

**Ruled
relationships**

KEY TRUTH: God’s peace is relational, inward, mental, and communal not merely circumstantial.

Peace Begins With Reconciliation

Before we can enjoy the peace of God, we must receive peace with God.

Romans 5:1 (KJV)

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Colossians 1:20 (KJV)

“And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself...”

KEY TRUTH: The cross is the doorway of peace: guilt is answered, enmity is removed, and access to God is opened.



God Himself Is the Source of Peace

Peace is not manufactured by personality, money, or perfect conditions.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 (KJV)

“Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.”

Psalms 29:11 (KJV)

“The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.”

Peace is a blessing God gives, not a trophy human strength earns.



HEART & MIND

The Peace of God Guards Through Prayer

Anxiety is not defeated by pretending; it is processed before God.

Philippians 4:6–7 (KJV)

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

- Prayer turns pressure into dependence.
- Supplication brings specific needs before God.
- Thanksgiving remembers God’s faithfulness.
- Peace “keeps” the heart like a guard at the gate.

Perfect Peace Requires a Stayed Mind

What occupies the mind eventually governs the emotions.

Isaiah 26:3 (KJV)

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.”

“Stayed” points to a mind that leans, rests, and remains fixed on God.

Input

Word

Focus

Trust

Output

Peace

KEY TRUTH: A mind stayed on God is not empty; it is anchored.

Peace Grows Where the Spirit Governs

God's peace is not just a mood; it is part of the Spirit-shaped life.

Romans 8:6 (KJV)

“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”

Galatians 5:22–23 (KJV)

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

Two Mindsets

Carnal mind
Fear • Control •
Death



Spiritual mind
Life • Trust • Peace

Peace is cultivated by walking in the Spirit, not merely by rearranging circumstances.

Jesus Gives Peace in the Storm

He may calm the storm around us, but He always calls the heart to faith.

Mark 4:39–40 (KJV)

“And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?”

John 16:33 (KJV)

“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”

PEACE IN THE BODY

Let Peace Rule in the Church and Home

The peace God gives must become the atmosphere we carry.

Colossians 3:15 (KJV)

“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.”

Ephesians 2:14 (KJV)

“For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;”

KEY TRUTH: When Christ rules the heart, walls come down and thanksgiving rises.



God's Peace Produces Peacemakers

Peace is received from God and then sown into people.

Matthew 5:9 (KJV)

“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.”

Hebrews 12:14 (KJV)

“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:”

James 3:18 (KJV)

“And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.”

Peacemaking is not avoiding truth. It is truth spoken and lived under the government of love, humility, and holiness.

A peacemaker builds bridges without compromising righteousness.

Common Thieves of Peace

Naming the thief helps us recover the treasure.

Unconfessed sin

Breaks confidence before God

Fear & unbelief

Magnifies the storm above Christ

Prayerlessness

Keeps burdens in the mind, not before God

Bitterness

Turns memory into a prison

Wrong focus

Feeds anxiety through constant negative inputs

Disobedience

Conflicts with God's rule in the heart

1 Corinthians 14:33 reminds us: "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace..."

How to Receive and Maintain God's Peace

A simple weekly practice for adult believers.

1

Return to the gospel

Confess faith in Christ's finished work.

2

Pray specifically

Turn anxieties into requests with thanksgiving.

3

Stay the mind

Meditate on God's Word, not fear's commentary.

4

Obey promptly

Peace grows where God's rule is welcomed.

5

Forgive quickly

Do not let bitterness rent a room in your heart.

6

Sow peace

Speak words that heal and build unity.

Romans 15:13 — peace increases “in believing” and “through the power of the Holy Ghost.”

The Peace Audit

Where do I need peace with God?

Confession, faith, assurance, repentance

Where do I need the peace of God?

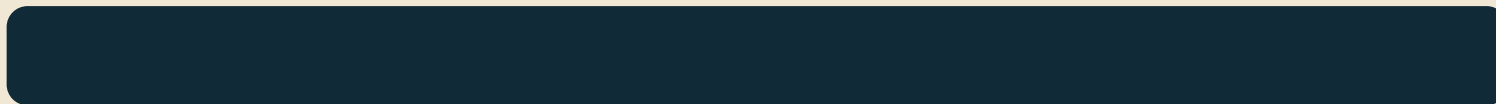
Anxiety, decisions, family, finances, health

Where must peace rule my relationships?

Marriage, home, church, workplace

What peace habit will I practice this week?

Prayer, thanksgiving, Scripture, forgiveness, obedience



Quick Review: Choose the Correct Answer

Use orally, on paper, or as class teams.

1. Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you...” in: A. John 14:27 B. Psalm 23:1 C. Acts 2:4 D. Jude 20

2. Romans 5:1 says peace with God comes through: A. wealth B. good feelings C. our Lord Jesus Christ D. human effort

3. Philippians 4:6–7 connects peace with: A. prayer and thanksgiving B. silence only C. fasting only D. travel

4. Isaiah 26:3 promises perfect peace to the one whose mind is: A. distracted B. stayed on God C. angry D. empty

5. Colossians 3:15 says we should let peace: A. disappear B. rule in our hearts C. wait outside D. punish others

6. Romans 8:6 says to be spiritually minded is: A. life and peace B. fear and pride C. death D. confusion

7. In Mark 4:39, Jesus said to the sea: A. Run away B. Peace, be still C. Speak louder D. Try harder

8. Matthew 5:9 calls peacemakers: A. weak B. children of God C. spectators D. strangers

Answer key is on the last slide for the teacher.

Deeper Reflection

- 1. What is the difference between “peace with God” and “the peace of God”?
- 2. Why can a believer have peace while still facing tribulation?
- 3. What does it mean practically to “let the peace of God rule” in a conflict?
- 4. Which peace-thief is most common today: fear, bitterness, wrong focus, or prayerlessness? Why?
- 5. How can our homes and church become places where peace is sown, not merely discussed?
- 6. What one obedience step would strengthen your peace this week?

Class aim: not winning arguments — building faith, repentance, and obedience.

Receive it. Guard it. Release it.

God's peace begins at the cross, guards the heart through prayer, steadies the mind through trust, rules relationships through love, and becomes a witness through peacemaking.

Romans 14:17 (KJV)

“For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”

**Closing prayer: Lord Jesus,
give us Your peace, rule our
hearts, and make us
peacemakers.**

Answer Key & Scripture Sources

All quoted Scripture is KJV and verified against BibleGateway.

Objective answers: 1-A • 2-C • 3-A • 4-B • 5-B • 6-A • 7-B • 8-B

- Main text: John 14:27. Supporting texts: Romans 5:1; Colossians 1:20; 2 Thessalonians 3:16; Psalm 29:11; Philippians 4:6–7; Isaiah 26:3; Romans 8:6; Galatians 5:22–23; Mark 4:39–40; John 16:33; Colossians 3:15; Ephesians 2:14; Matthew 5:9; Hebrews 12:14; James 3:18; 1 Corinthians 14:33; Romans 14:17; Romans 15:13.
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- Visuals: AI-generated teaching illustrations created for this lesson deck.

Suggested closing memory verse: John 14:27. Suggested class assignment: Practice Philippians 4:6–7 daily for one week.