

POSITIONED FOR PEACE | EPISODE 9

Episode 9 Video Timestamps:

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SESSION 1: POSITIONED FOR PEACE

Peace Is About Position

Acts 10:36 - As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of **peace through Jesus Christ** (he is Lord of all),

1 Peter 5:14 - Greet one another with the kiss of love. Peace to **all of you who are in Christ.**

John 16:33 - I have said these things to you, that **in me you may have peace.** In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Luke 1:79 - to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet **into the way of 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 hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [God gives peace in the OT]

Romans 16:20 - **The God of peace** will soon crush Satan **under your feet.** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Peace Is Experienced And Found In Relationship

2 Peter 1:2-3 - May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

SESSION 1: PERSONAL APPLICATION QUESTION

- Read through the Scriptures for this week and think about what it means to be positioned for peace in Jesus.

SESSION 1: GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean that we have peace with God through Jesus?
 2. What is our true reason for peace? Why can we enjoy this peace in any circumstance?
 3. How do we practically "find our peace" in Jesus each and everyday?
 4. Romans 16:20 says that the God of peace will crush satan under "our feet." Why does Paul say "your feet" instead of "Jesus' feet?" What does this mean and does this still involve Jesus?
 5. What is the connection between our "peace" and our "victory over the enemy?"
 6. We have peace in Jesus, but how do we practically handle trials and tribulations together as the body of Christ?
 7. If relationship with God is key, what is one of the best ways to experience God's peace in the middle of the storms of life?
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SESSION 2: PLANTING PEACE

Peace Is Planted and Pursued

*James 3:18 - And a harvest of righteousness **is sown in peace** by those who **make 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*

*Ephesians 4:3 - eager to maintain the **unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace**.*

*Ephesians 6:15 - and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given **by the gospel of peace**.*

*Galatians 5:22 - But the **fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,***

Romans 8:6 - For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on **the Spirit is life and peace.**

Romans 14:17-19 - For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of **righteousness and peace** and joy in the Holy Spirit. Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. So then let us **pursue what makes for peace** and for mutual upbuilding.

Philippians 4:5-9 - Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And **the peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 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. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God **of peace will be with you.**

Psalms 119:165 - **Great peace** have those who **love your law**; nothing can make them stumble.

Isaiah 26:3-4 - **You keep him in perfect peace**
whose mind is stayed on you,
because he trusts in you.
Trust in the LORD forever,
for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

Proverbs 3:16-18 - **Long life** is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her **paths are peace.**
She is a **tree of life** to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called blessed.

Peace Isn't Always Possible

Hebrews 12:14 - **Strive for peace with everyone**, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Luke 12:49-53 -

Peace In Action: Calming The Storm

*Mark 4:35-41 - On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "**Peace! Be still!**" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"*

SESSION 2: PERSONAL APPLICATION QUESTION

- Read through the Scriptures for this week and think about how we are to plant peace.

SESSION 2: GROUP QUESTIONS

1. In what ways are you "planting" the seeds of "peace" in your life? What does this even mean? Consider what Galatians 5:22 says about the fruits of the Spirit.
2. How are you planting the seeds of peace in the lives of those around you? How can you begin doing this?
3. Psalm 119:165 says that peace is for those who "love God's laws." What does loving God's laws have to do with enjoying His peace? How does obedience affect our level of peace?
4. Romans 8:6 tells us to set the mind on the Spirit to walk in God's peace. Based on the context, what does this practically look like? Look at the other surrounding ideas.
5. Peace is something we always have with God through Jesus. But, Ephesians 4:3 tells us to maintain unity in the bond of peace. It sounds like peace is based on our efforts? How do we make sense of this tension? What is Paul telling believers to do?