

## JESUS IS PEACE | EPISODE 8

### **Episode 8 Video Timestamps:**

0:00-39:16 - Session 1: The Peace of God

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### **SESSION 1: THE PEACE OF GOD**

*Everyone wants inner peace of the heart and mind, but no one wants to do what makes for real, soul-level peace. Everyones wants peace but not many people will do what peace requires.*

*But, peace biblically is not merely tranquility or the absence of difficulty and discomfort. Peace is shalom in Hebrew.*

***Shalom: Favor, safety, security, completeness, soundness, welfare, peace***

But, even more than a concept, peace is a person.

*Judges 6:24 - Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and called it, **The LORD Is Peace**. To this day it still stands at Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites.*

*Hebrews 13:20 - Now **may the God of peace** who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,*

### **Peace Offering Represents Right Relationship & Acceptance With God**

*Exodus 20:24 - An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your **peace offerings**, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I cause **my name** to be remembered **I will come to you and bless you.***

*Leviticus 7:11-16 - "And this is the **law of the sacrifice of peace offerings** that one may offer to the LORD. **If he offers it for a thanksgiving**, then he shall offer with the thanksgiving sacrifice unleavened loaves mixed with oil, unleavened wafers smeared with oil, and loaves of fine flour well mixed with oil. With the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving he shall bring his offering with loaves of leavened bread. And from it he shall offer one loaf from each offering, as a gift to the LORD. It shall belong to the priest who throws the blood of the peace offerings. And the flesh of the*

sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten on the day of his offering. He shall not leave any of it until the morning. But **if the sacrifice of his offering is a vow offering or a freewill offering**, it shall be eaten on the day that he offers his sacrifice, and on the next day what remains of it shall be eaten.

Leviticus 19:5-6 - When you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, you shall offer it **so that you may be accepted**. It shall be eaten the same day you offer it or on the day after, and anything left over **until the third day** shall be burned up with fire

Leviticus 22:21 - And when anyone offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD **to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering** from the herd or from the flock, **to be accepted it must be perfect**; there shall be no blemish in it

### **Peace As A Covenant: Peace Is Seeking Good Relationship Not Hostility**

**Numbers 25:10-16** - And the LORD said to Moses, "Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, has turned back my wrath from the people of Israel, in that he was jealous with my jealousy among them, so that I did not consume the people of Israel in my jealousy. Therefore say, Behold, I give to him **my covenant of peace**, and it shall be to him and to his descendants after him the covenant of a perpetual priesthood, because he was jealous for his God and made atonement for the people of Israel."

Deuteronomy 20:10-12 - When you draw near to a city to fight against it, **offer terms of peace to it**. And if it responds to you peaceably and it opens to you, then all the people who are found in it shall do forced labor for you and shall serve you. But **if it makes no peace with you**, but makes war against you, then you shall besiege it.

Joshua 9:15 - And **Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant** with them, to let them live, and the leaders of the congregation swore to them.

Malachi 2:5 - My covenant with him was one of **life and peace**, and I gave them to him. It was a covenant of fear, and he feared me. He stood in awe of my name

### **God Is the One Who Gives Peace**

Leviticus 26:6 - **I will give peace in the land**, and you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid. And I will remove harmful beasts from the land, and the sword shall not go through your land.

Numbers 6:24-26 - **The LORD bless** you and keep you;

the LORD **make his face to shine upon you** and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and **give you peace.**

### **God Gives Peace To A Kind of Person**

Psalm 85:7-13 - Show us your **steadfast love**, O LORD,  
and grant us your **salvation.**

Let me hear what God the LORD **will speak**,  
for **he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;**  
but let them not turn back to folly.

Surely his salvation is near **to those who fear him**,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

**Steadfast love and faithfulness** meet;  
**righteousness and peace** kiss each other.  
Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

Yes, the LORD will **give what is good**,  
and our land will **yield its increase.**

**Righteousness** will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.

Psalm 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.

Luke 2:14 - Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace among those with whom  
he is pleased!"**

## **Peace Is Connected To A Person. Peace Is About A Personal Relationship**

*Isaiah 9:6-7 - For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace.**  
Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be **no end,**  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

### **SESSION 1: PERSONAL APPLICATION QUESTION**

- Read through the Scriptures for this week and consider how peace is explained in the Scriptures.

### **SESSION 1: GROUP QUESTIONS**

1. How would you define "peace?" What comes to mind for you?
  2. How have you experienced "peace" throughout your life? Name some of those moments.
  3. Judges 6:24 tells us that "God is peace." Think about the context of this passage in the story of Gideon. What might this have meant for Gideon and the Israelites in that context?
  4. In Numbers 6:24-26, God blesses His people through Aaron. Notice the different components of this blessing. How are each of these different ideas related?
  5. What does it look like when a community of believers are "at peace" with each other?
  6. How can we, as a community pursue a deeper experience of God's peace?
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## SESSION 2: JESUS IS OUR PEACE

### Peace Is A Person: Jesus, The Prince of Peace and Source of Peace

"Grace and peace from God the Father and Jesus Christ our Lord"

*Ephesians 2:14a - or he himself is our peace*

*Hebrews 7:2 - and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, **king of peace**.*

### Peace Is Accomplished By Jesus: Its Given To Us

*2 Thessalonians 3:16 - Now may the **Lord of peace himself give you peace** at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.*

*Ephesians 2:14-17 - or **he himself is our peace**, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility **by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances**, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby **killing the hostility**. And he came and **preached peace to you** who were far off and peace to those who were near.*

*Romans 5:1 - Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, **we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Colossians 1:20 - and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, **making peace by the blood of his cross**.*

## SESSION 2: PERSONAL APPLICATION QUESTION

- Read through the Scriptures for this week and think about how Jesus brings us peace.

## SESSION 2: GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean that "peace is a person?" Think about what Jesus practically does for us.
2. What gets in the way of you walking in the peace of God each and everyday? Think of the most common distractions for you.

3. Proverbs 3:16-18 describes the peaceful paths of wisdom. What are some ideas in this passage that you see as connected to peace? How are they connected?
4. Isaiah 26:3-4 tells us that God keeps a certain person in perfect peace. How does this change the way we understand walking in God's peace? Think of how the peaceful person is described in this passage.
5. What is the difference between "having God's peace" and "walking in peace?"
6. How does a community of believers practically walk in peace? What do they have to do
7. What often gets in the way of communities being at peace?