

Gazing Into the Peace of God

is like being captivated by a huge multifaceted diamond! With each facet being an attribute of the Only True Living God, turn the diamond in the light, look deeply into the infinite expression of each facet. In this experience, we want to gaze into the facet of God's peace.



What happens when you focus on something true about God? You are changed! You believe more truth. And the truth sets you free! You are "transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another." 2 Corinthians 3:18

As you gaze into the facet of the Peace of God, allow yourself to be drawn into the depth and richness of His peace. Discipline yourself to remain focused specifically on His Peace. The peace that God brings is in contrast to the peace offered in the world. I've heard that there are instruments designed to fly into the center of a hurricane and measure its force. These "flying eyes" are able to look straight down into a hurricane from above. What they see is calm. Both the sea and air are calm at the core of the storm. But just outside the core is absolute destruction and chaos! That might describe how the peace of God affects our lives. Chaos and destruction can be all around us, but at the center, at the core of our being, the peace of Christ rules. That's how it can be. Is the peace of Christ ruling at the center of your being?

John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." **NASB** "I've told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world." **Message**

Isaiah 9:6-7 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. **NIV** For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. And the government will rest on his shoulders. These will be his royal titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His ever expanding, peaceful government will never end. **NLT**

Isaiah 26:3 You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. **ESV**

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. **ESV** That's my parting gift to you. Peace. I don't leave you the way you're used to being left - feeling abandoned, bereft. So don't be upset. Don't be distraught. **Message**

Philippians 4:6,7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **NIV** Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life. **Message**

It Is Well With My Soul

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, / When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, / It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

*Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should fall, / Let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, / And hath shed His own blood for my soul!*

*My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought, / My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, / Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, / The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, / "Even so," it is well with my soul.*

It is well (it is well), / With my soul (with my soul), / It is well, it is well, with my soul!