



## Peace

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*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned...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 greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this."* Is. 9:2, 6-7

*"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the Heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest Heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests."* Luke 2:8-14

No God, No Peace.

You will lack peace if you succumb to anxiety and worry. Stress and worry are rooted in fear, shame, and guilt.

Truth #1 – You cannot avoid stressful situations.

Truth #2 – When stressed you can choose to give in to anxiety and worry or you can trust God.

Truth #3 – If you choose to worry and embrace anxiety, you will forfeit peace.

Truth #4 – If you choose to trust God you will find His peace.

Know God, Know Peace

1. Talk to God and trust what He tells you.

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* Phil 4:6-7

2. What is true about how God thinks of you? Dwell on that truth.

*"He will keep him in perfect peace, he whose mind is stayed upon Him."* Is. 26:3

3. Are God's promises true? Choose to believe them instead of worldly lies.

*"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."* Jn. 14:27

*"I have told you these things so that in Me you will have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* Jn. 16:33

Prayer for Peace with God

*Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I have searched for peace in my life but have not found it. Because you love me, I believe that You died for my sins to give me peace. I want to turn from my past and turn toward you. I now invite You to come into my heart. I want to follow You and trust You as Lord and Savior of my life. In Jesus' name, Amen.*