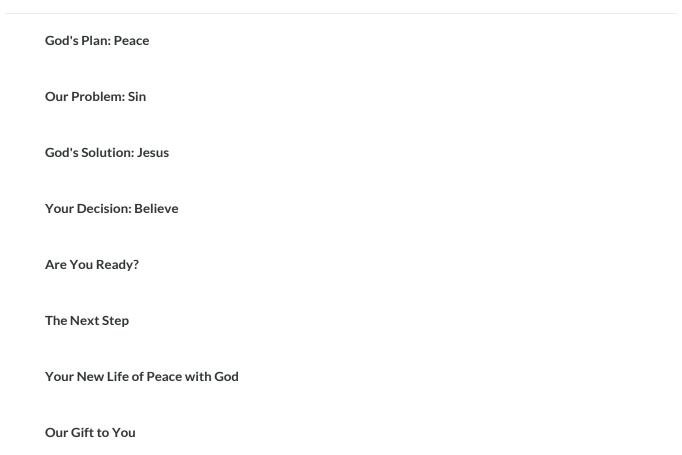


Pathways to Peace: Peace with God

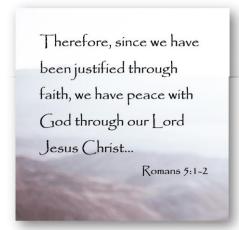
Peace with God makes life worth living. Only He can provide lasting security and satisfaction. Until you make peace with God, you cannot live a full and meaningful life here on earth or live forever with Him after death in heaven. He loves you and wants you to have all He has promised. Follow this pathway and find genuine peace with Him. Don't wait!

PEACE WITH GOD



God's Plan:Peace

Having peace in your life begins with being at peace with the One who made you. God wants you to be at peace with Him and to live at peace with others. So, the starting point for peace in your life is peace with God.





- Peace with God is the starting point for peace in your life.
- If you have never experienced peace with God it is more wonderful than you can imagine and only comes when you are in right relationship with Him.
- God's peace is life changing; it cannot be taken away or shaken by changes in your circumstances; it provides indescribable joy. God wants you to experience the contentment His peace brings.

We know these things about peace with God are true because they are recorded in the Bible and because countless people throughout the world have experienced God's peace.

There is, however, a stumbling block that must be overcome to be truly at peace with God: Sin.

Our Problem:Sin

The stumbling block is on our side of the relationship. God created us to love and obey Him, but He will not force us to do so. Instead, He gives us the freedom to choose to do things our way or His way. Sadly, all of us choose to follow our own selfish desires. We see this reflected in the words of the prophet Isaiah. The Bible calls this sin.

It is sin that separates people from God.

There is nothing you can do to bridge the separation that exists between you and God. You cannot do or say anything to remove the effects of sin or gain God's approval. Spiritual and physical death are the natural consequences of your sin.





God's Solution: Jesus

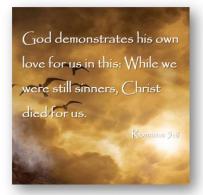
Fortunately, there is good news! You do not have to receive the wages of sin. Jesus Christ is the solution to the sin that separates you from God.

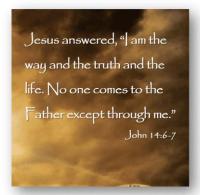
Because God loves you so much, He sent His own Son to take all the punishment for your sin.

When Jesus died on the cross, He died in your place. He paid the penalty for your sin so that you can have a relationship with God and live at peace with Him forever.

Jesus is not just a way to a right relationship and peace with God. He is the *only* way.

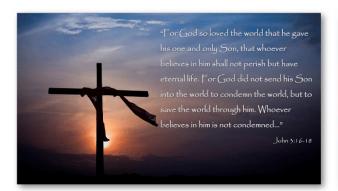






Your Decision: Believe

In order to be in right relationship with God and know His peace through Jesus Christ, you must believe that Jesus is God's Son who died on the cross to save you from sin. You must turn away from your sin and surrender your life to Jesus as your Savior and Lord. If you will do this, Jesus promises abundant life and peace. If you don't surrender to Jesus, you can never expect to be at peace with God.







Are You Ready?

	Do I want peace with God?
	Do I admit that I have sinned?
	Do I understand that my sin separates me from God and prevents me from living at peace with Him forever?
	Am I willing toturn away from my sins and self-centered ways and follow Christ?
	Do I believe my sins were forgiven by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?
	Am I willing to give Jesus Christ control of my life as my Lord and Savior from this point forward?
If you answered each of the questions "yes," honestly and from your heart, you can be in	

relationship with God and enjoy His peace right now. If you answered any of the questions "no,"

take time to review those questions and give careful and thoughtful consideration to your

answer(s).

The Next Step

The Bible offers this promise:

For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

Romans 10:9-10

"Confess" means "to speak." If you answered "yes" to each of the six questions, you are ready to speak with God. By accepting what Jesus has done for you and inviting Him into your heart and life, you will have peace with God. Simply speak to Him from your heart. If you're not sure what to say, consider these words:

Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and that my sin separates me from God.

I know there is nothing I can do to get right with God and that I need forgiveness. I believe you died on the cross to pay the penalty for my sin.

Vam ready to turn away from my sin and to follow You. You are my only hope and Vam trusting You to save me and to forgive me.

Vinvite You to come into my heart and to take control of my life. I ask this in Your name. Amen.

Your New Life of Peace with God

If you sincerely prayed and believe, you now have a new relationship with God and can look forward to a new life of peace with Him. When you choose to believe in Jesus and accept all that He has done for you, God changes your life. Your past is forgiven. You have peace with God.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let Your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

~ Jesus

John 14:27

There will still be trials and challenges in the days ahead, but you do not have to face themalone. God loves you and promises He will never leave you. There is now a power within you that enables you to live at peace with Him and others.

Our Gift to You

We want to celebrate your decision to accept what Jesus has done for you and your new relationship with God. We also want to pray for you as you begin your new life with Him. If you will let us know of your decision, we will send you some information that will help you grow in your new relationship with God. You can reach us through our <u>Contact Us</u> page. Now, please accept this parting blessing from us to you...

May the Lord bless you and keep you;

May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

May the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.