

**When Living Means Christ: We Have Peace**  
**Philippians 1:21; 4:6-9; John 14:27; 16:33**

**In God's Universe, You Have Three "Options" for Being:**

- You can be God. . . a creature separated from God. . . a human creature joined to God  
...and, Jesus Christ is the only way to be joined to God - Jo 14:6; I Cor 6:17

**Peace: "shalom" = wholeness, wellness, harmonious condition (even in presence of strife)**

- Jesus Christ is the Giver of peace Himself - Jo 14:27  
..."not as the world gives..." (temporary, external, escape, distraction, dulling agents)  
...His peace is not the absence of conflict, but the Presence of a Person - Is 9:6; Jo 16:33

**When You Have the God of Peace...**

- You may have peace with God - Is 32:17; Ro 5:1,11  
...to have peace with God you must have the righteousness of God - Ro 5:8-10,17; II Cor 5:21  
(Have I accepted the righteousness of God in me? Ro 10:3,4)
- You may have the peace of God - Is 55:12; Phil 4:7  
...when the God of Peace rules, reigns in us - Col 3:15  
...we may try to be at home (be at peace) in the world or in Christ - Jo 16:33; Is 60:17  
...the Peace of Christ "referees" in us - Col 3:15  
(Have I accepted the reign, the rule of Christ? - Ro 5:17)
- You may have peace with yourself - Ro 15:7; I Thess 5:23  
...we accept His newly created identity - II Cor 5:17; Ro 6:6-7  
(Have I accepted His replacement of the "old me" with the "new me"? - Col 3:3,4)

**His Witness of Peace Is Upon Those Who Stay "at Home" (in Christ!) - Jo 16:33**

- 3 "disciplines" to stay "face-to-face" with God:
  - ...Thanksgiving - Phil 4:6  
= tunes and turns our face to the Face of God - Eph 5:10; I Thess 5:18
  - ...Prayer - Phil 4:6; Eph 6:18  
= subordinating ourselves to our Source and Supplier - Phil 4:19; Matt 6:33
  - ...Setting our minds upon the mind of Christ - Phil 4:8; I Cor 2:16; Is 26:3  
= make use of our God-given "garbage sifter" - Phil 4:8; Col 3:1-4

**KEEP PRACTICING AND APPLYING THESE THINGS AND THE GOD OF ALL PEACE WILL KEEP YOU IN PERFECT STEP WITH HIMSELF - Phil 4:8**