

# TRIUMPHANT LIVING IN TURBULENT TIMES

## PEACE

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The Gathering

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When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the Lord, he exclaimed, “Alas, Sovereign Lord! I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!” But the Lord said to him, “Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die.” So, Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord Is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

JUDGES 6:22 – 24

Peace, I leave you; my peace I give you. I do not give it as the world gives, Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

JOHN 14:27

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

JOHN 16:33

In our reckless age there is a universal yearning for peace.

ROBERT LOCKYER

Peace is our present reality.

Peace is a gift to us as believers  
compliments of the Trinity.

- ▶ God our Father is the God of Peace –  
I Thessalonians 5:23
- ▶ God the Son is the Prince of Peace and  
Personification of Peace – Isaiah 9:6
- ▶ God the Spirit provides the fruit of the Spirit –  
Galatians 5:22

Shalom is more positive and means so much more. It contains the idea of order, well-being and everything that makes for our highest good.



# Gideon in Judges 6.

“There is no peace, says the Lord, for the wicked.”

ISAIAH 48:22

What has happened in your life or what is happening now that causes you to doubt God's presence with, love and concern for you?

DISCUSSION

Jehovah Shalom –  
The Lord Is Peace!

He was going into the tension with the assurance that the God of peace would keep things under his control and therefore Gideon could have peace in the midst of the storm.

# Isaiah 48:17-18

I will be with you.

If only you had paid  
attention to my commands.



Great peace have those who love  
your law and nothing can make them  
stumble.

PSALM 119:165

Who can speak and have it happen if the Lord has not decreed it? Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that both calamities and good things come?

LAMENTATIONS 3:37-38

John 19:10-11

“My father, if it is possible, let this cup be taken from me.”

MATTHEW 26:39

And on the cross, “My God, My God  
why have you forsaken me.”

Surely it was for my benefit that I  
suffered such anguish.

ISAIAH 38:17

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

GENESIS 50:20

For we know that God works together  
in all things for the good of those who  
love Him and are called according to  
his purpose.

ROMANS 8:28



What good thing is God working out in your life through your crisis, your struggle, your pain?

DISCUSSION

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

ISAIAH 26:3

We are to live in the world and  
in Christ at the same time.

# Matthew 14:13-21

# Matthew 27:11-14

What situation are you facing right now that you could easily trip about, but you know you should choose peace?

DISCUSSION

According to the scriptures, as believers, we are privileged to experience three kinds of peace:

1. Peace with God – Romans 5:1
2. Peace of God – Philippians 4:4-7
3. Peace with Others

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