



PEACE; THE CALM THAT CRUSHES CHAOS

Note: This is the first of a two-part study on peace. Before we talk about how to walk in peace and carry it into the world, we need to set the foundation on the source of peace Himself, Jesus our Rock, in Whom we're anchored to. The One who has already defeated Satan under His feet. In Him, we are victorious! We become stable in peace when we realize **and** trust that we're standing on a sure foundation!

Fruit that Keeps Us Stable in Times of Shaking | Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, **peace**, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

The Bigger Picture: Caught in a Battle | Genesis 3:14-15

14 So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Jesus; The Prince of Peace - Established a Government of Peace | Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**. 7 **His government and its peace will never end.** He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

The Battle Has Been Won; Peace Is Now Ours | Romans 5:1-2

1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

Through Peace with God, We Now Have Kingdom Authority | Romans 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under **your** feet. May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Authority to Advance HIS Kingdom *in* peace, *with* peace | Ephesians 6:15

...and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

LET'S OBSERVE THE TEXT...

Biblical Definitions for Peace

- In Hebrew (Old Testament): **shalom** (Strong's Concordance H7965) = completeness, soundness, welfare, peace
- In Greek (New Testament): **eiréné** (Strong's Concordance G1515) = one, peace, quietness, rest

Observe Genesis 3:14-15

The Problem

- Before we begin dissecting "peace", it's important to understand why the need for it. The serpent had provoked Adam & Eve's rebellion against God, and this is now God's decree over the serpent...satan. A prophetic telling of what will take place on the cross where the Prince of Peace will defeat satan once and for all.

Observe Isaiah 9:6-7

The Solution

- The prophecy of peace was declared long before Christ came. Isaiah spoke in the 8th century BC, pointing to Jesus as the "Prince of Peace." Peace isn't a side effect of His kingdom, it is His very identity and nature.
- His peace is unshakable and ever-increasing. The reign of Christ expands without limit, and every advance of His kingdom brings an advance of peace. This peace flows from His divine authority, not human effort. It is fiercely protected by the zeal of the Lord and cannot be overturned.
- His peace is both personal and global, actively pushing back darkness. Individually, He brings inner wholeness to those who trust Him. Globally, His kingdom ushers in an unending reign of peace that displaces chaos, division, and oppression. In God's kingdom, peace is not passive but a powerful force that crushes the enemy.

Observe Romans 5:1-2 and Romans 16:20

At Peace with God, and the authority to crush satan's chaos under our feet

- According to Genesis 3, we were born into a battle that we didn't start. A battle between the kingdom of darkness, and the Kingdom of God. But because we accepted the gift of salvation, we are at peace with God. Peace is now ours. Joy gives us the strength to stand, peace gives us the stability to crush chaos of satan under our feet.

Read the following verses:

Jesus, our Rock & firm foundation is our Prince of Peace, who offers us a peace that stabilizes:

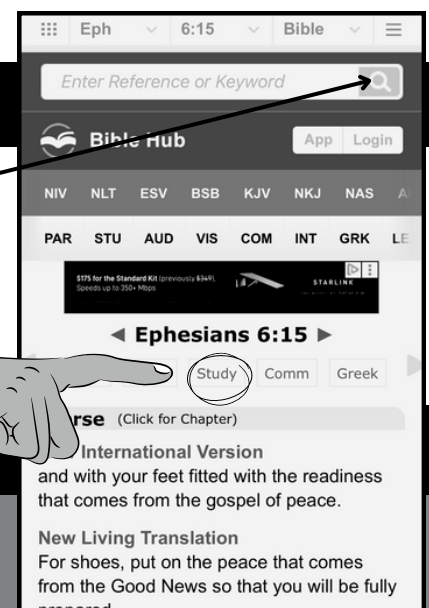
1 Corinthians 10:4 • Psalm 18:2 • Isaiah 28:16 • Matthew 7:24-25 • 1 Peter 2:4-6

Deuteronomy 32:4 • Psalm 62:6 • Psalm 94:18-19

ONLINE RESOURCE ACTIVITIES

Observe Ephesians 6:15

- Go to BibleHub.com and do a search for **Ephesians 6:15** in the "Enter Reference or Keyword" box and then click on the magnifying glass.
- Once it loads, click on the button titled "Study"
 - Read the **Study Bible** section.



LET'S INTERPRET...

- What do you believe all of these verses mean?
- What is God speaking to you personally through this study?
- Read a trusted commentary and compare to your interpretation.

LET'S READ THE AFTER-SUMMARY TOGETHER

When Isaiah called Jesus the Prince of Peace in Isaiah 9, he wasn't just giving Him a nice title. He was describing the very nature of His kingdom. Unlike earthly governments that rise and fall with instability, Jesus offers a government of peace that will never end. It's not limited to a time in history, nor is it limited to geographical borders. His peace is unshakable, protected by the zeal of God, and it grows stronger with every advance of His reign. Peace isn't a soft bonus of the Christian life. It is the foundation on which we stand. Since the moment we were at peace with God through Jesus Christ (salvation), we became citizens within a government that has no borders of place or time. It will always be. Stable. Consistent. Committed to peace with each other, within and with outsiders. A government that always seeks reconciliation and peace between both God and man. This is our government's primary agenda.

On the contrary, our world shakes constantly. Chaos swirls around us, stirred up by the enemy who wants to disturb and steal peace. He knows that if he can destabilize us, he can paralyze us. Genesis 3 reminds us that this battle began long before we were born, but Romans 5 declares that through Jesus we now stand at peace with God. Hallelujah! That means the war is already won. We may feel the waves, but they no longer control us.

The fruit of the Spirit are deeply connected, flowing together as one. We began this series with love, because love is the first fruit and the ground on which all the others stand. Jesus is love, and when we are standing on Him, every other fruit can grow steady and strong. Without love we have no footing, but with **love** as our ground, **joy** gives us strength to rise and **peace** gives us stability to remain standing. Imagine being on a boat in a rough sea. The waves crash and throw you off balance. Love is the solid deck beneath your feet, joy is the strength that helps you get back up, and peace is your sea legs that help you remain steady while the storm rages.

We also have to remember that we can't offer what we don't have. Jesus is the source of peace, but to walk in that peace we must remain grounded in Him and steward our relationship with Him. He initiated peace, but we have to maintain it. If we compromise with sin or live in disobedience, we jeopardize the peace He offers. Inner peace flows from holiness and intimacy with Christ. When we stay aligned with Him, His peace fills us. Only then are we ready to advance with feet fitted with the gospel of peace, just as Ephesians 6:15 describes. We advance the gospel of peace when we're not living in peace with God and others ourselves...we're imposters selling a product we really don't believe in ourselves. We lose credibility in our claims. Therefore, let us live in peace with God and in peace with each other.

And here is the victory: because of the resurrection, Jesus has made the enemy His footstool. He has already crushed Satan under His feet, and by His authority, we do the same. Romans 16 declares that the God of peace will soon crush Satan under our feet, showing us that peace is not only inward but also pushes outward. Every time we choose peace over participating in chaos, we step into Christ's authority and wield peace as an offensive weapon against darkness. Peace is not passive but rather it crushes, it confronts, it disarms the schemes of hell. Every step we take, grounded in love, strengthened by joy, and stabilized by peace, spreads His government of peace and displaces the chaos of the enemy. With love as our ground, joy as our strength, and peace as our stabilizer, we can carry the gospel into a shaking world and reveal the Prince of Peace who holds us steady.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- **Applying Genesis 3:14-15** - How does understanding that we were born into a spiritual battle help you recognize the enemy's attempts to stir chaos in your life, and how can you choose to stand in peace instead of being pulled into that chaos?
- **Applying Isaiah 9:6-7** - Unlike man's flawed governments that often bring disorder, Jesus' government of peace has no end. In what area of your life do you need to trust His reign of peace rather than relying on human solutions that leave you unsettled?
- **Applying Romans 5:1-2** - Because we have peace with God through Jesus, we no longer live as enemies but as His children. How does this truth change the way you respond when chaos tries to disturb your heart and mind?
- **Applying Romans 16:20** - Jesus already crushed Satan under His feet, and by His authority, the God of peace crushes him under ours. What practical steps can you take to walk in peace this week as an act of warfare that resists the enemy's schemes?
- **Applying Ephesians 6:15** - Our feet are fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. How can you intentionally bring the peace of Christ into a chaotic environment around you...whether at home, work, or with friends, as part of advancing His kingdom?

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we thank You for being our Prince of Peace. You have already crushed the enemy under Your feet through the power of Your resurrection, and You invite us to walk in that same authority. Forgive us for the times we have let chaos rule our hearts instead of standing firm in Your peace. Teach us to remain grounded in Your love, strengthened by Your joy, and stabilized by Your peace so that no storm, no voice of the enemy, and no shaking in this world can move us from Your presence.

Father, help us to carry this peace beyond ourselves. Let it guard our minds, heal our hearts, and overflow into every place we go. May our feet be fitted with the readiness of the gospel of peace, so that when the world sees chaos, we bring calm, when the world sees despair, we carry hope, and when the enemy pushes darkness, we push back with Your light. Make us vessels of Your kingdom's peace until the day Your reign is fully revealed on earth as it is in heaven.



WHAT'S AHEAD...

Next Week

We will continue studying peace with, "Peace; The Calm That *Expels* Chaos".

Homework

Read Mark 4:35-41