



# The Fruit of the Spirit: Peace

## Galatians 5:22-23

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love,  
joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>  
gentleness, self-control; against  
such things there is no law.**



## Galatians 5:22

- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,

# Peace



**a state of tranquility (free from turmoil)**

**freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions; the absence of anxiety**

**harmony in personal relationships**



# Peace in the OT

**Total well-being, prosperity, and security associated with God's presence among his people.**

Walter A. Elwell and Barry J. Beitzel, Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible



# The OT Word For Peace



# Shalom



## Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I.* completeness, soundness, welfare, peace
  - A.* completeness (in number)
  - B.* safety, soundness (in body)
  - C.* welfare, health, prosperity
  - D.* peace, quiet, tranquillity, contentment
  - E.* peace, friendship
    - i.* of human relationships
    - ii.* with God especially in covenant relationship
  - F.* peace (from war)
  - G.* peace (as adjective)



# Last Week

We looked @  
Present & Future  
Joy





## Present Joy

**This joy will be interrupted and mitigated by life in a fallen world often mingled with sorrow**

## Future Joy

**This joy will be uninterrupted and boundless in its application and experience for the believer**



## Present Peace

**This peace is found in knowing God and what He has said and done and is primarily internal and relational**

## Future Peace

**This peace culminates in an eternal kingdom completely uninterrupted by strife, war, pestilence, plague or Satan**



The Israelites longed  
for present peace in  
their land and their  
Bible promised them  
present & future peace



## Isaiah 26:3

- You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

**Present Peace**



**God keeps him or her in  
complete peace (absence of anxiety)**

**those whose mind is stayed on Him**

**Because that person (male or  
female) trusts in God**

Whose mind is stayed on you



**I need to keep my mind on God.**

**My mind needs to remain or  
stuck on trusting in God**



# I must trust IN

God's love, goodness,  
mercy, justice, power,  
knowledge, promises,

# His Sovereignty.



**Cancer, heart disease,  
famine, war, pestilence, and  
global pandemics are all  
opportunities for the  
believer to demonstrate that  
they are different.**



# Revelation 2:10



## Jesus said:

- “Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.”



## Revelation 6:4

- And out came another horse, bright red. Its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people should slay one another, and he was given a great sword.



## Revelation 6:8

- And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, **to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence** and by wild beasts of the earth.



# **Pestilence Defined**

**a contagious or infectious  
epidemic disease that is virulent  
and devastating**

**Merriam-Webster**



**But what does**  
**Revelation 1:18 say?**



# Revelation 1:18

Jesus said:

- I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.



# Future Peace



## Isaiah 9:6

- For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace.**





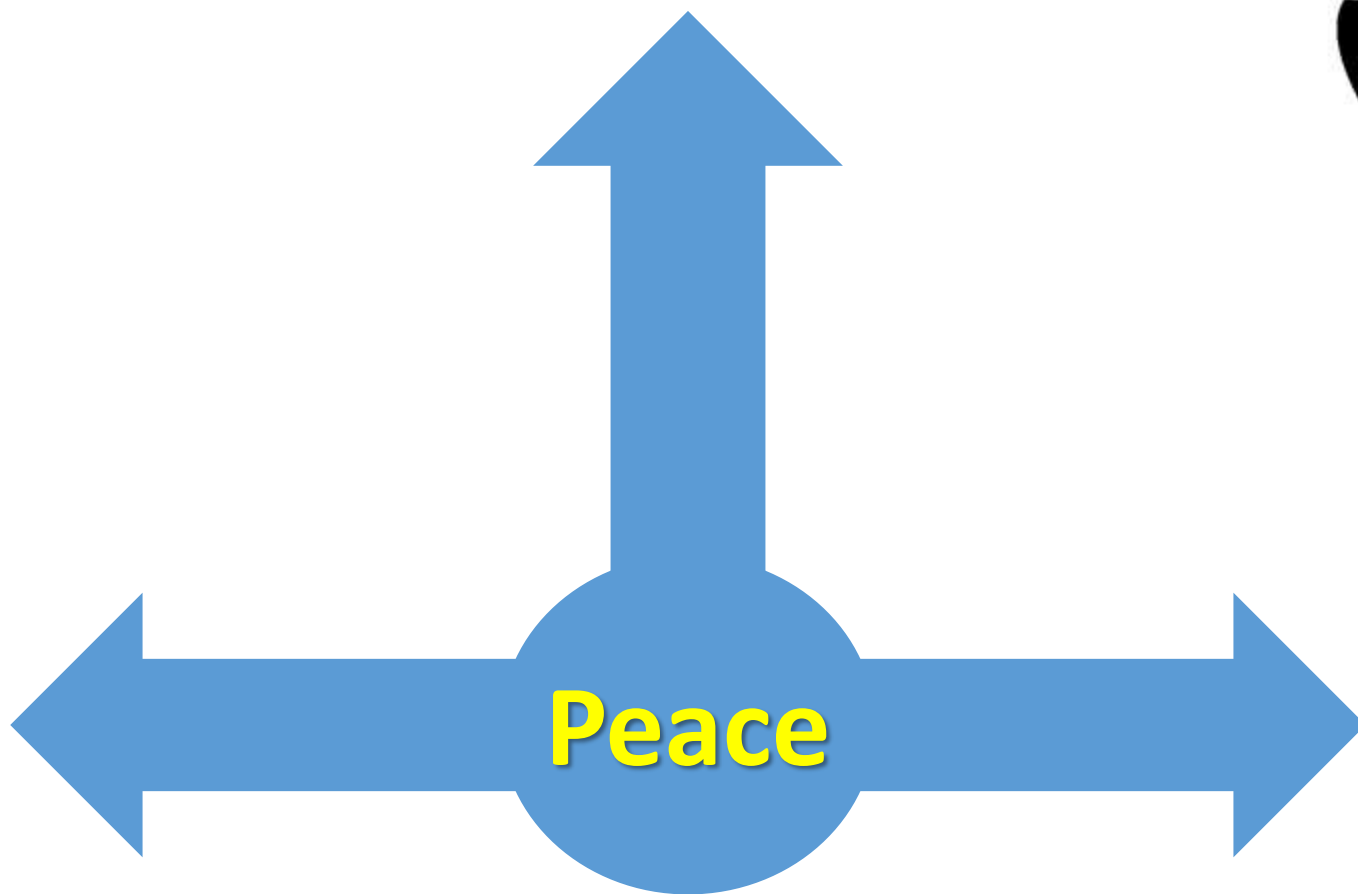
## Isaiah 53:5

- But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; **upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,** and with his wounds we are healed.



# **The Future Peace in the OT develops in the NT in multiple ways:**

- 1) Peace from the entire Godhead**
- 2) Internal peace**
- 3) Relational peace both horizontal  
and vertical**
- 4) Future eternal peace**



**Horizontal, Internal, Vertical**

# Peace in the NT



- **God of Peace**
- **Christ is our Peace**
- **Fruit of the Spirit is peace**
- **Gospel of peace**
- **The kingdom of God is a matter of peace**

# God of Peace

**Rom  
15:33**

**May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.**

**Rom  
16:29**

**The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.**

**Phil 4:9**

**—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.**

**1 Thess  
5:23**

**Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,**

**Hebrews  
13:20**

**Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,**



**If we want peace to rule in our lives the God of peace must rule our life.**

**Moment-by-moment; day-by-day for life.**

**There is no peace without the God of peace.**



## Ephesians 2:13–14

- But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> **For he himself is our peace,** who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility



**If we want the peace of  
Christ to rule in our hearts the  
Lord Christ Jesus must rule in  
our lives.**

**There is no true peace without  
the Lord of peace.**





## Galatians 5:22

- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,



- **Being at peace with God**
- **Living at peace with others**
- **Praying for peace on the earth**

**are all manifestations of the  
fruit of the Spirit**



## Acts 10:36

- As for the word that he sent to Israel, **preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ** (he is Lord of all),



## Ephesians 6:15

- and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given **by the gospel of peace.**



## Romans 14:17

- For the **kingdom of God** is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness **and peace** and joy in the Holy Spirit.



Peace

**Internal**



## Philippians 4:7

- And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



## John 14:27

- Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.
- Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.





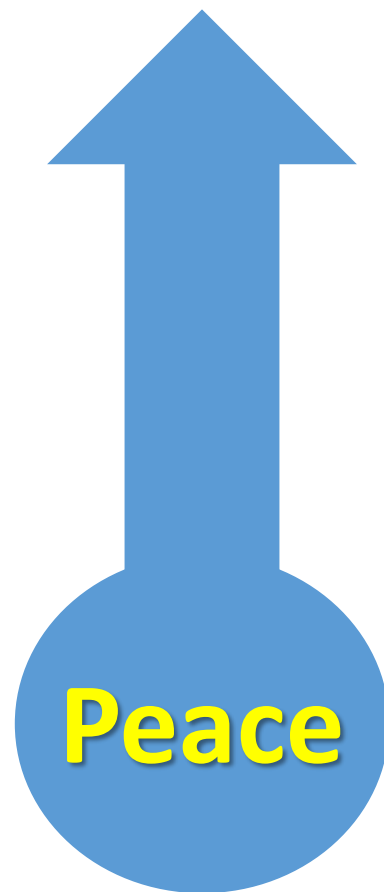
## John 16:33

- I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”



## Colossians 3:15

- And **let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,** to which indeed you were called in one body.
- And be thankful.



# Vertical



## Romans 5:1

- Therefore, since **We** have been justified by faith,
- **We** have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The implications of Romans 5:1 are clear:**



**Only those who have been justified (declared righteous)**

**By faith in the death, burial and resurrection of the man Christ Jesus**

**Have peace with God**

**For ALL others the wrath of God still abides on them (John 3:36).**



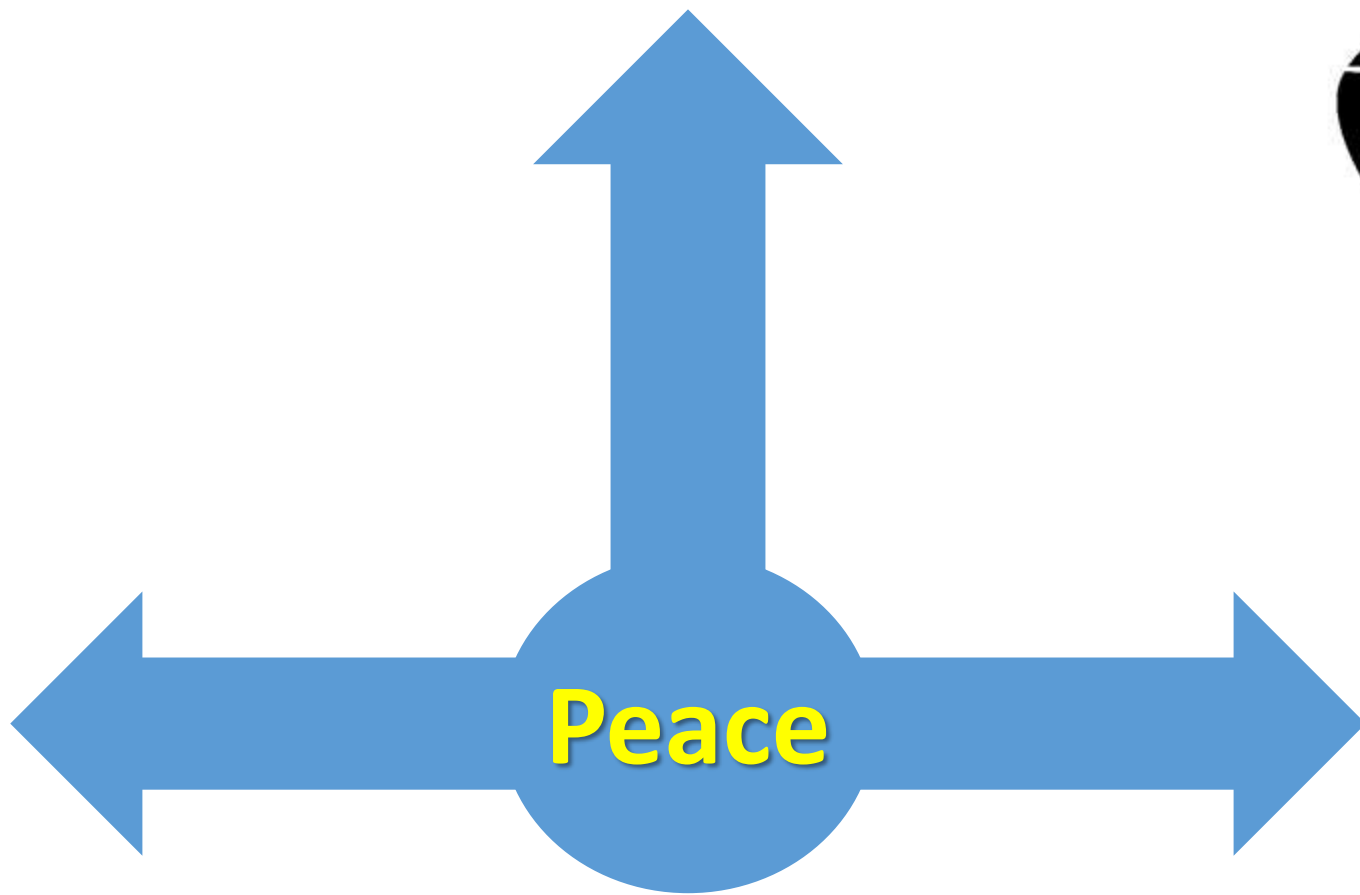
## Ephesians 2:15–16

- by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, **so making peace,**<sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.



## Colossians 1:20

- and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, **making peace by the blood of his cross.**



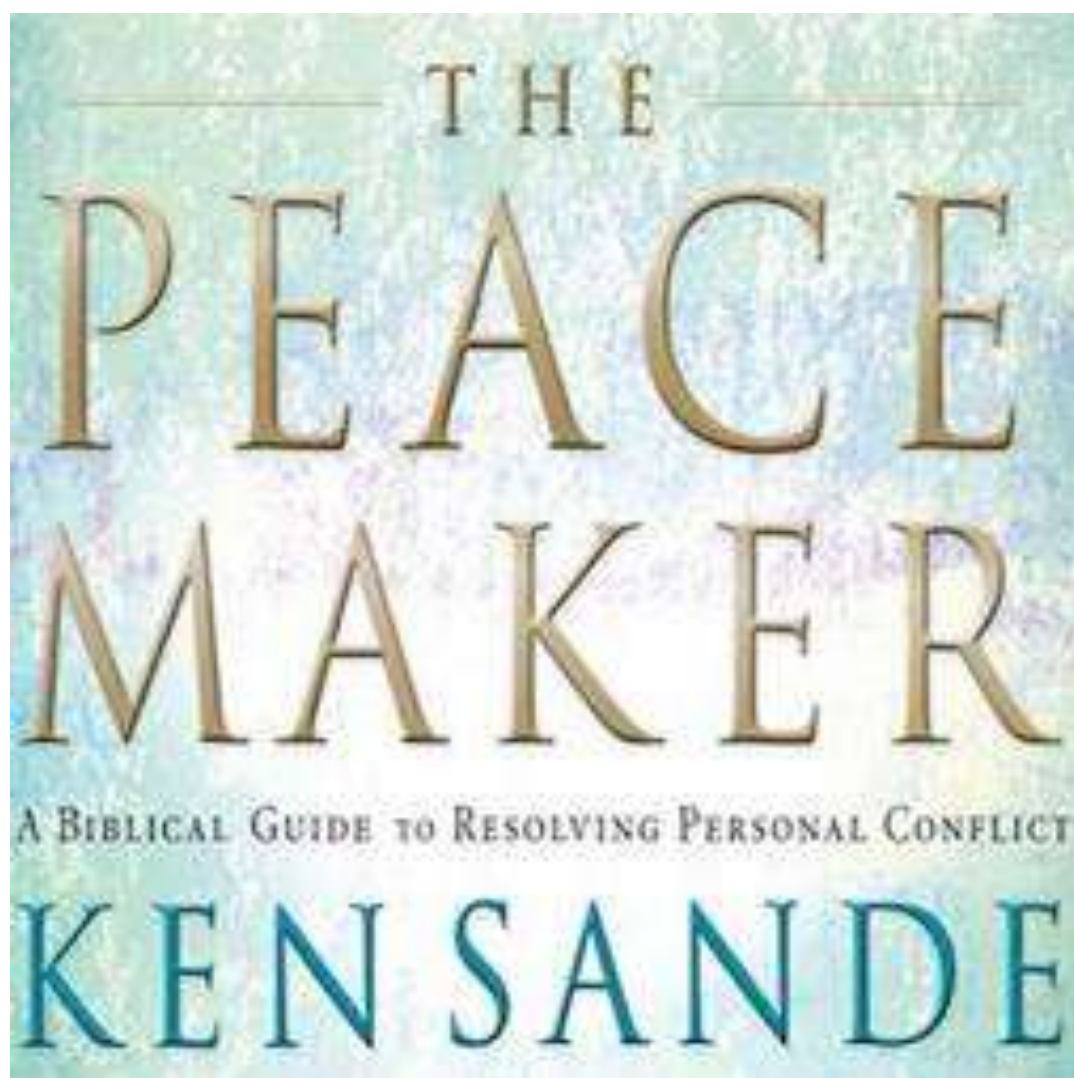
# Horizontal





## Matthew 5:9

- “Blessed are **the peacemakers**,  
for they shall be called sons of  
God.





## Romans 12:18

- If possible, on your part, **live at peace** with everyone.



## Romans 14:19

- So then **let us pursue what makes for peace** and for mutual upbuilding.



## 2 Corinthians 13:11

- Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, **live in peace**; and the God of love and peace will be with you.



## Hebrews 12:14

- **Strive for peace** with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

# When it comes to peace with others



**1) Sometimes we just need to let it go**

**2) Or, we sit down and talk**

**a. Honest**

**b. Transparent**

**c. Confessional & Forgiving**

If you can't let a



**TTO** (typical tiny offense)

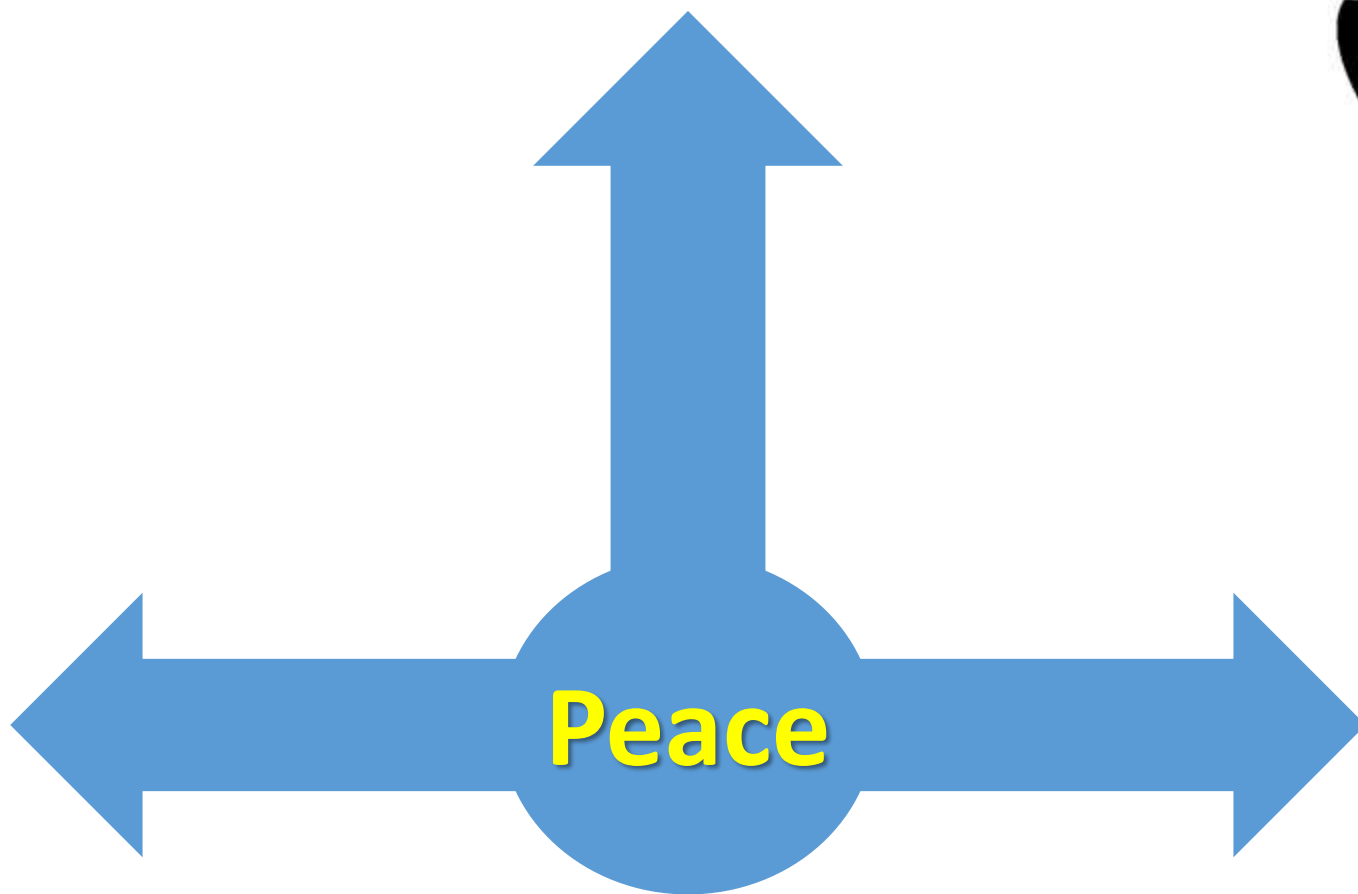
go you will never  
have peace w/  
others.





## 2 Timothy 2:22

- So flee youthful passions and **pursue** righteousness, faith, love, and **peace**, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.



**Horizontal, Internal, Vertical**