

## PEACE: A FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

1. Text: Galatians 5:22-26
2. Peace is one of the wonderful fruit of living a spiritual life.
3. Inadequate peace: "Pax Romana" meant Roman power brought an enforced peace. Substances: drugs, drink, various distractions. Absences: making it negative: no war (85% of all history concerns warfare), strife, conflict. Artificialities? Surface, superficial, "seeming peace."
4. The New Testament is a book of peace, real peace. Word found 92 times in all but one book. Its stress is on well-being, tranquility inside regardless of external, plus the application of it to life.
5. But how does it come?

### I. **Through Preaching**

1. Acts 10:36 Preaching the gospel of peace through Jesus Christ.
2. II Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
3. Plain, simple preaching and teaching can bring peace. Contrast to other sources:

### II. **Through Believing**

1. Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
2. Peace comes by confidently trusting, believing.

### III. **Through Action**

1. Romans 2:10 Glory, honor, and peace comes to everyone who works what is good.
2. Literally: "Working the good."
3. The good we do brings peace inside, affects our attitudes.

### IV. **Through Our God**

1. We must not go too far afield from the ultimate source of real peace.
2. Philippians 4:7 The peace of God transcends all understanding. Verse 9 says if you do what was learned and seen in Paul that peace will be with you.
3. Colossians 3:15 Let the peace of God rule in your hearts.
4. At certain depths of the ocean it is calm no matter what the wind, waves, storms above are.

### V. **Through Jesus Christ**

1. John 14:27 My peace I give to you.
2. Ephesians 2:14 He is our peace.
3. Isaiah 9:6 The Prince of Peace. Many want the peace without the prince.

### VI. **Through Right Relations With Others**

1. In our homes. I Corinthians 7:15 God has called us to peace.
2. In race relations. Ephesians 2:14-17 Jews - Gentiles, walls were down.
3. In the church. Ephesians 4:3 Unity of the spirit and the bond of peace. I Corinthians 14:33 God is a God of peace, not disorder.
4. In dealing with everyone. Hebrews 12:14 Make every effort to live in peace with all men.

Conclusion: I Peters 3:11 My part in peace: Seek and pursue (as a hunter)  
Romans 5:1 We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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