

G R E A T B I B L E W O R D S

PEACE

Introduction: We are studying great Bible words. The Bible uses the word “peace” nearly 400 times. It conveys concepts of harmony, tranquility, along with the absence of hostility, mental stress or anxiety (*Shalom & Eirene*). Who wants that? Do we need that peace? Jesus tells us in **Matthew 5:9** that we are to be peacemakers. Not peacefakers! How can we have peace? Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. Our God Is a God of Peace

- A. The Lord is the Prince of Peace (**Isaiah 9:6**).
- B. The Lord reconciles us to have peace with God (**Romans 5:1**).
- C. The Lord wants to fill us with ALL joy and peace (**Romans 15:33**).
- D. The Lord provides a peace that surpasses all understanding (**Philippians 4:6-7**).
- E. The Lord gives peace in EVERY way possible (**II Thessalonians 3:16**).

II. Our World Is NOT For Peace

- A. Peace can only come from a hopeful heart (**Isaiah 50:7**).
- B. Peace can only come from a quiet conscience (**Romans 8:31-35**).
- C. Peace can only come from a restful mind (**Philippians 4:6-7**).
- D. Peace can only come from a surrendered will (**Titus 3:1-7**).
- E. Peace can only come from a submissive soul (**Hebrews 13:20-21**).

III. Our Role Is To Be Peace-Makers

- A. Christians should be at peace with their enemies (**Matthew 5:44**).
- B. Christians should be at peace with their neighbors (**Galatians 3:28**).
- C. Christians should be at peace with their brothers & sisters (**Ephesians 4:3**).
- D. Christians should be at peace with their family (**Colossians 3:18-21**).
- E. Christians should be at peace with their Lord (**I Peter 3:8-12**).

Conclusion: Remember the story of Telemachus, the 4th century monk. If peace were easy to achieve then people would figure it out on their own... apart from God. **Romans 8:6** says, “For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life AND peace.” Do you need peace with God? Are you ready for peace with others around you? Are you ready to inherit eternal life? Let’s share this wonderful word with others!