

A Fruitful Season – Part 8 | Peace

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.

Galatians 5:22-26 (NLT)

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

Romans 14:17 (NIV)

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not stifle the Holy Spirit. Do not scoff at prophecies, but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. Stay away from every kind of evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 (NIV)

Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for He who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (NIV)

Living from God's perspective makes us realize that circumstances are temporary, but God's purpose is permanent.

The greatest way we maintain and receive peace is to: Pray about everything.

Don't worry about anything; **instead, pray about everything.** Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7 (NLT)

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

John 14:27 (NIV)

So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

Matthew 7:11 (NLT)

The absence of peace produces complaining and arguing.

Do everything without complaining or arguing.

Philippians 2:14 (NCV)

*Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, **and you will overflow with thankfulness.***

Colossians 2:7 (NLT)

So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

Romans 8:6 (NLT)

The evidence that we are relying on the Holy Spirit for our peace is demonstrated in two ways:

1. We become child-like.

*Then you will be innocent and without any wrong. **You will be God's children without fault.** But you are living with crooked and mean people all around you, among whom you shine like stars in the dark world.*

Philippians 2:15 (NCV)

*About this time the disciples came to Jesus and asked him who would be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus called a child over and had the child stand near him. **Then he said: I promise you this. If you don't change and become like a child, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. But if you are as humble as this child, you are the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*** And when you welcome one of these children because of me, you welcome me.

Matthew 18:1-5 (CEV)

2. We embrace childlike humility.

- **Humility is the greatest indicator of spiritual maturity, and that results in walking in peace.**

*Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. **With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.** Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, **God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel.***

Philippians 4:6-7 (CEV)

*And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. **And always be thankful.** Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. **Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.***

Colossians 3:15-16 (NLT)

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

Romans 16:20 (NASB)

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 (NLT)