

Discover The God Of Peace In His Word

In our guide, "How to Find True Inner Peace" we have looked at seven not-so-obvious things you can start doing immediately to achieve true inner peace. Here are the principles we have examined so far:

1. We need to accept that life is not fair.
2. We need to be content with what we have.
3. We need to set ourselves free by forgiving those who wrong us.
4. We need to seek forgiveness from God and others.
5. We need to find our purpose in life.
6. We need to live with integrity.

Today we are examining the truth that we need to discover the God of peace in His word. Let's start with Paul.
The path to continued true inner peace is found in _____ word!

1 Cor 14:33 *For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.* NKJV

1. God eliminates confusion and gives us peace by giving us a _____ to live by.

2 Tim 3:16-17 *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work..*

His word gives us _____ we need to please Him and others. It eliminates confusion and gives peace.

Eph 3:3-5 *How that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets.*

He gives us the chain of authority that assures us that when we listen to the words written in the Bible, we are listening to Him.

He tells us _____ we should listen to Him instead of our own conscience or the opinions of others.

He clearly communicates to us what happens when we _____ our teaching for His. It leads to total confusion and robs us of our peace.

He gives us powerful _____ of people who followed God's standards and people who didn't.

2. God eliminates confusion and gives us peace by establishing one church.

He tells us how to become part of His church.

Matt 28:18-20 *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.* NKJV

Eph 4:11-16 *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;*

that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-- Christ-- from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

He gave His church a _____ mission. Man robs us of our peace by complicating God's plan.

Phil 1:1-2 Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. NKJV

He organized His church in a powerfully _____ manner.

3. God eliminates confusion and gives us peace by establishing our _____.

Matt 6:31-33 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

God promises us that if we seek _____ and His kingdom first, He will take care of the rest of our priorities.

Luke 10:41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

4. God eliminates confusion and gives us peace by establishing relationship guidance that works.

Matt 22:37-40 Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." NKJV

Love God with all your being and love your neighbor as yourself.

Luke 10:36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" 37 And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." NKJV

Jesus gave us an incredible example of what loving your neighbor as yourself looks like in real life. Jesus even told us how to treat our enemies.

Matt 7:12 Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

5. God eliminates confusion and gives us peace by only creating two sexes

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

God _____ created males and females.

God intends one man to marry one woman and for them to have a _____.

Eph 5:33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. NKJV

6. God eliminates confusion and gives us peace by telling us _____ we are here and _____ we are going.

Acts 17:26-28 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.

It doesn't matter what nation we come from; we are all here to _____ God.

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know." 5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. NKJV

Jesus tells us where we are going and that there is only _____ way to get there.

7. God eliminates confusion by creating a process where having a child is the natural step that comes after conceiving a child.

Gen 29:32-35 So Leah **conceived** and **bore** a son, and she called his name Reuben; for she said, "The Lord has surely looked on my affliction. Now therefore, my husband will love me." 33 Then she **conceived** again and **bore** a son, and said, "Because the Lord has heard that I am unloved, He has therefore given me this son also." And she called his name Simeon. 34 She **conceived** again and **bore** a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called Levi. 35 And she **conceived** again and **bore** a son, and said, "Now I will praise the Lord." Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she stopped bearing. NKJV

Gen 16:11 And the Angel of the Lord said to her: "Behold, you are with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the Lord has heard your affliction. NKJV

The Angel of the Lord told Hagar she was with _____ way before she gave birth to Ishmael.

We call them _____ mothers. Once a woman is with child the expectation is that she will give birth.

True inner peace must be based on the truth.

Acts 9:1-9 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" 5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." 6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." 7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. 8 Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. NKJV

Paul's inner peace, to the extent it existed, was based on a _____. He thought persecuting and killing Christians pleased God.

In truth, Paul was kicking _____ the goads. Look at who Paul had become. He threatened people. He murdered people. He bound people. He broke up families by putting people in jail. To make matters worse, he failed at every turn. The church was growing!
The truth was that Paul was at war with _____.

Acts 9:17-22 *And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. 19 So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. 20 Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. 21 Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?" 22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ. NKJV*

To be at peace with God, Paul had to have his sins _____. (Acts 22:16)

Rom 5:6-11 *For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. NKJV*

When we are reconciled or at peace with God we are without strength, ungodly, unrighteous, sinners, and _____ of God. (Romans 3:23 – we are all sinners or forgiven sinners)

Those who are reconciled to God are justified and saved from wrath.

This reconciliation can only take place because _____ died and shed His blood for us.

Rom 6:3 *Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. NKJV*

_____ crucifies the old man, it does away with sin, and it frees us from sin.

It gives us a new life and a new purpose. We now live to God.