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A LIFE OF PEACE

Peace is a state of tranquility or quietness of spirit that transcends circumstances.

GOD OF PEACE.

²³ 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. **1 Thessalonians 5:23 NLT**

- **If God is peace, then to know God is to bask in His peace. The closer we draw to Him, the more of His peace we can enjoy.**

⁸ Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. **James 4:8 NLT**

- **Peace starts with a right heart.**
- **Are you a pot stirrer or peace maker?**

HOW DO WE LIVE AT PEACE WITH EVERYONE?

⁹ Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection and take delight in honoring each other.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. ¹⁵ Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!

¹⁷ Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. ¹⁸ Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. **Romans 12:9-10, 14-18 NLT**

¹⁴ Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord. ¹⁵ Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many. **Hebrews 12:14-15 NLT**

- **Obey the Holy Spirit.**

²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! **Galatians 5:22-23 NLT**

- **Mind your own business and work on your responsibilities.**

¹¹ Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. **1 Thessalonians 4:11 NLT**

- **Let go of offenses.**

²³ "So, if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, ²⁴ leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God." **Matthew 5:23-24 NLT**

¹⁷ And now I make one more appeal, my dear brothers and sisters. Watch out for people who cause divisions and upset people's faith by teaching things contrary to what you have been taught. Stay away from them. ¹⁸ Such people are not serving Christ our Lord; they are serving their own personal interests. By smooth talk and glowing words, they deceive innocent people. **Romans 16:17-18 NLT**

PEACE OF MIND.

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ 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 4:6-7 NLT**

PEACE WITH GOD IS A GIFT FROM JESUS.

²⁷ "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." **John 14:27 NLT**

¹ Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

² Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved

*privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. ³We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. **Romans 5:1-5 NLT***