

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Everyone wants world peace, but it will not happen in our time while we (as Christians) are here on the earth. World peace will only happen when Jesus returns after the seven year tribulation and rules and reigns on this earth for a thousand years.

So does that mean we can not experience peace now? No, not at all. Read what Jesus said again in today's verse. *"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you."*

Notice Jesus says the words *"Peace"* and *"you"* twice in this verse He also uses the words *"Leave"* and *"Give"* along with those same words. But the one key word to bring it all together is *"you"*.

The world seeks world peace, but Jesus didn't say "World peace I leave or give to you" No, the peace Jesus has given, is the peace that you should have right now. The word used here for *"peace"* is defined as an internal state of tranquility, having a quiet and restful mind. People lose that peace (Especially non Christians) when their minds are fixed on thing of this world and not in heaven.

Notice Jesus didn't say, *"My peace I will give you later on, when all your bills are paid and you have a perfect marriage and a perfect job, and go to a perfect church and have perfect kids and a perfect house with a white picket fence and a dog and cat that get along together"* That's not the peace Jesus is talking about, and if you think that is peace and you are waiting for that, you have a very, very, very long wait, because it won't happen in this sinful world.

Plus, you are looking for the worlds definition of peace, or what the world thinks peace is. The problem with this thinking is that it's based upon physical things you have or get, and we know that those physical things get old fast and the peace is gone, because something else comes along that make your peace go away. That's why Jesus says: *"My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you."*

But the Peace Jesus gives us is a peace knowing that He is with us, and no matter what is going on, our peace and comfort is in Jesus Christ, not a materialistic thing of this world. Once again Jesus says in today's verse: *"Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."* Because people fear losing their material things. But once you truly let go of the material things and leave them in God's hands, then it really doesn't matter if you lose them or not.

Case in point, how about Job, who lost all that he had, including his business and children, yet since his hope and peace was in God, he could truly say.

† **Job 1:21** *And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD."*

So, don't be looking or trying to make world peace happen, because it won't until Jesus comes and rules and reigns on this earth after the tribulation. But remember you can have peace now as a Christian, and the bible tells us how. It's all a matter if you follow the instructions given to have the peace that only God can give us as believers. And what are those instructions? Simply;

- ✓ Be anxious for nothing
- ✓ Being in prayer and supplication in everything
- ✓ Giving thanksgiving
- ✓ Letting your requests be made known to God
- ✓ Then the **peace** of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

† **Philippians 4:6-7** *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

† **Isaiah 8:16-17 (NLT2)** *Preserve the teaching of God; entrust his instructions to those who follow me. I will wait for the LORD, who has turned away from the descendants of Jacob. I will put my hope in him.*