

“21 Bible Verses About Peace”

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Bible Verses About Peace - Prairie River Sunrise - Numbers 6:24-26 - Pixabay photo - Used under license

This article provides 21 Bible verses about peace from the Old and New Testaments.

Scripture quotations are taken from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless noted otherwise ([Ref. 1](#)).

Gift of God

Numbers 6:24-26 - "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

Note: In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for "peace" is *shalom*,

pronounced *shah-LOHM* (Ref. 2). *Shalom* means *peace, completeness, well-being, safety, and prosperity* (Ref. 2). *Shalom* was a formula for wishing well and blessing, addressed by the Hebrews to departing friends (Ref. 3, 1 Samuel 1:17, 1 Samuel 20:42).

Seek Peace

Psalm 34:14 - "Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it."

Great Peace

Psalm 119:165 - "Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble."

Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6 - "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Note: The title, "Prince of Peace," applies exactly to Christ, who is our peace (Micah 5:5, Ephesians 2:14). Christ is the only procurer of peace between God and mankind (Isaiah 53:5), and between Jews and Gentiles (Ephesians 2:15 NLT). Christ leaves as his legacy peace to his disciples (John 14:27, John 16:33) (Ref. 4).

Perfect Peace

Isaiah 26:3 - "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you."

Peace Like a River

Isaiah 48:18 - "Oh that you had paid attention to my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea."

Chastisement for Our Peace

Isaiah 53:5 NKJV - "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed."

Christ Shall Be Our Peace

Micah 5:2, 4-5a NASB 1995 - "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.... 4 And He will arise and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And they will remain, because at that time He will be great to the ends of the earth. 5 This One will be our peace."

Proclaimed by Angels

Luke 2:13-14 NASB 1995 - "And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army of angels praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased."

Note: In the New Testament, the Greek word for "peace" is *eiréné* (pronounced: ay-RAY-nay). *Eiréné* means *peace, wholeness, prosperity, and harmony* (Ref. 3). The Greek word for peace, *eiréné*, is equivalent in meaning to the Hebrew word for peace, *shalom* (Ref. 2).

Legacy of Christ

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 hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Note: Christ is the Giver of peace. He, not the world, is the source for our peace. Note also that in John 14:27 and John 16:33 Jesus is giving peace as a blessing (in the sense of the Hebrew *shalom*) to his disciples -- to his

friends, to us who believe in him -- at his departure.

John 16:33 - "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Peace with God through Faith

Romans 5:1 - "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Peace, not Confusion, in the Churches

1 Corinthians 14:33 KJV - "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."

Christ Is Our Peace

Ephesians 2:14 - "For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall."

Surpasses Understanding

Philippians 4:7 - "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Peace of Christ

Colossians 3:15 - "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."

God of Peace

1 Thessalonians 5:23 - "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Greetings of Peace

Greetings by the Resurrected Christ

Luke 24:36 - "As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, 'Peace to you!'"

John 20:19 - "On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" (John 20:26 is similar.)

Greetings in Paul's Epistles

Romans 1:7 - "To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Colossians 1:2 NASB 1995 - "To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father."

Note: The Apostle Paul includes the "grace and peace" greeting (with some variations) in the openings of all his epistles in the New Testament. That includes Romans, 1 & 2 Cor., Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thess., 1 & 2 Tim., Titus, and Philemon. Paul combined the common Greek greeting *charis* [grace/favor - Ref. 5] with *eiréné* [peace, equivalent to Hebrew *shalom* - Ref. 2, Ref. 3] to appeal to both Gentile and Jewish audiences. In 1 Timothy 1:2 and 2 Timothy 1:2, Paul includes mercy -- "grace, mercy, and peace."

Related Lessons

1. "The Peace of Believing Prayer (Philippians 4:6-7)"
2. "The Peace of Christ" - Colossians 3:15

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