Finding Peace with God

- Perfect Peace was always God's plan. Genesis 1-2.
- SIN – Man and Satan screwed that up Genesis 3

Too many people living today without peace – peace of mind. That is of their own choosing.

Living without peace means you are at war with yourself, the world, or God.

The Apostle Paul described it this way:

*"but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me **a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me**."* Romans 7: 2

There is a promise of peace with the condition that we love the Word of God…

"Those who love Your Law have great peace, And nothing causes them to stumble. Psalm 119:16

The problem is people do not love the laws and righteousness of God. They love their ways and choose to live in obedience **to what they think is right** (Judges 17:6)—meaning disobedience to God.

The Apostle Paul wrote, *"For the mind set on the flesh is **death**, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.* Romans 8: 6-7

Jesus Our Only Hope for Peace – but His definition was different from that of the world.

Isaiah announced that Jesus Messiah would (ultimately) come as

the Prince of Peace.

> *"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace"* (9:6)

His peace is different. *"Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor fearful."* John 14: 26-27

Jesus made peace with God possible. *For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, **having made peace through the blood of His cross**; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven*. Colossians 1: 19-20

> *But now in Christ Jesus you who previously were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. **For He Himself is our peace** … And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near*; Ephesians 2:13,14, 17

> *Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through **Jesus Christ our Lord**!* Romans 7: 24-25

The Invitation to Peace with God: The only way to peace is through Jesus Christ—His words, not mine.

> *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me*. John 14: 6

Please receive His offer of salvation that alone can bring you lasting peace.

For Christ's sake,

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