

CULTIVATING *Character*

Message 3 Peace

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Outline

- But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, **peace**...
Galatians 5:22 (NLT)

Jesus: "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)

Peace (Heb. *shâlôm*, Gk. *ěirēnē*) =

well-being, _____ and _____

Different Types of Peace:

1. Peace from _____.
(Psalm 85:8)

Two kinds:

Peace _____ God.
(Colossians 1:19-20. C/R Romans 5:1)

Peace _____ God.
(Isaiah 26:3. C/R 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

2. Peace within _____.
(John 16:33. C/R: Philippians 4:6-7)

3. Peace with _____.
(Romans 12:14-18. C/R: Colossians 3:14-15;
James 3:16-18; 1 Peter 3:10-11)

Answers: wholeness, harmony 1. God, with, of 2. myself 3. others

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. Carve out time to reflect, learn and talk with God. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

When you were a child, what made you feel safe and secure?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Ezekiel 37:26-27](#); [Romans 5:1-2](#); [Colossians 1:19-22](#).

1. If someone asked you to explain how the work of Christ brings peace with God, what would you say?
2. From these passages, what are several results of having this new relationship with God?
3. What word or phrase from these three passages seems most significant to you personally right now? Why?

Read [Isaiah 26:3](#); [John 14:27](#); [Philippians 4:6-9](#).

4. In what situations or circumstances do you usually worry or feel most anxious? Why?
5. What's the difference between the peace the world gives and peace from God?
6. When do you most experience God's peace?
7. Based on these passages, list several practical steps you can take to experience greater peace. How will you incorporate these practices into your everyday life?

Read [Romans 12:14-18](#); [Colossians 3:14-15](#).

8. What steps can you take this week to restore or bring peace to a broken relationship in your life?
9. What's the relationship between having peace *with God*, peace *within ourselves*, and peace *with others*?
10. What's your biggest takeaway from this week's teaching?

For additional Bible Study tools, guides and devotionals, check out biblegateway.com, bible.com, youversion.com and blueletterbible.org.

Soul Training

Read [1 Peter 5:7](#). As you go to sleep each night this week, release (*cast, throw*) your cares and worries to God. Ask Him to fill you with His peace.

If you've never experienced God's forgiveness and grace, we'd love the opportunity to talk with you about a life-changing relationship with Jesus. Email mark.taylor@brookwoodchurch.org or call [864.688.8211](tel:864.688.8211).

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: [Ezekiel 37:26-27](#)

Day 4: [John 16:33](#)

Day 2: [Romans 5:1-5](#)

Day 5: [Romans 12:14-18](#)

Day 3: [Colossians 1:19-22](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, April 29, we'll continue our series *Cultivating Character* with a closer look at PATIENCE. To prepare for the message, read [Psalm 40:1-5](#); [Ephesians 4:1-4](#); [2 Thessalonians 3:5](#).