



Peace

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*I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper,
that He may be with you forever.*

John 14:16

Holy Spirit

A. His Activities

1. He abides with us.

John 14:17c *He abides with you and will be in you.*

2. He testifies of Jesus.

John 15:26 *When the Helper comes . . . He will testify about Me.*

3. He convicts of sin.

John 16:8 *And He . . . will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.*

4. He guides us into the truth.

John 16:13a *He . . . will guide you into all the truth.*

5. He indwells us.
1 Corinthians 3:16 *Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?*
6. He comforts.
Acts 9:31 *So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.*
7. He gives power to fulfill the tasks God has for us.
Acts 1:8 *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses . . .*
8. He gives joy, and peace, and hope.
Romans 15:13 *Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*
9. He seals us until the day of redemption.
Ephesians 4:30 *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*
10. He gives life.
Romans 8:6b *The mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.*
11. He enables us to put the deeds of the body to death.
Romans 8:13b *But if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*
12. He leads.
Romans 8:14 *For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*
13. He gives assurance that we are God's children.
Romans 8:16 *The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God.*
14. He helps us know how to pray and intercedes for us.
Romans 8:26 *In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.*

15. He strengthens us.

Ephesians 3:16 *that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man.*

16. He teaches us and brings all things to our remembrance.

John 14:26 *But the Helper . . . will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.*

B. Responses to the Spirit

1. Negative

a. Resist Him.

Acts 7:51a *You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit.*

b. Test Him.

Acts 5:9a *Then Peter said to her, "Why is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test?"*

c. Grieve Him.

Ephesians 4:30a *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.*

d. Quench Him.

1 Thessalonians 5:19 *Do not quench the Spirit.*

2. Positive

a. Walk according to Him.

Galatians 5:16 *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.*

Galatians 5:25 *If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by (keep in step with) the Spirit.*

b. Be filled with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 *And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit.*

c. Let Christ's Word dwell in you.

Colossians 3:16 *Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom . . .*

Naturally good fruit is produced without any effort by a good tree; however, the fruit of the Spirit does not come into being that automatically. Regularly it requires effort on the Christian's part. It demands a heeding of the commands of Scripture and a cooperation with the Holy Spirit in his work in the believer's life . . .

—Wesley L. Gerig

Peace

A. Description

1. The opposite of the works of the flesh (19-21)
2. Webster's Dictionary defines peace as "a state of tranquility or quiet (civilly), harmony in personal relations, and freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions."

B. Peace with God

1. God is our peace
 - a. He is peace.
Romans 15:33 *Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.*
 - b. Peace comes from God.
Romans 1:7b *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
 - c. Peace comes through the knowledge of God.
2 Peter 1:2 *Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*

2. Jesus provided a way for us to be at peace with God.
 - a. He is the “Prince of Peace.”
Isaiah 9:6c *And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.*
 - b. He came to guide us into the “way of peace.”
Luke 1:79 *TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH, to guide our feet into the way of peace.*
 - c. His death made it possible for us to be at peace with God.
Romans 5:1 *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*
Colossians 1:20 *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.*
Ephesians 2:17 *And He came and preached peace to you . . .*

C. Peace with one another

1. Commanded to live in peace
2 Corinthians 13:11 *Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.*
Ephesians 4:3 *Being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*
Hebrews 12:14 *Pursue peace with all men . . .*
Romans 14:19 *So then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.*
Romans 12:18 *If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.*
2. Hindrance to living in peace – walking according to the flesh (Galatians 5:19-22)

3. Instead, fight against the flesh. (1 Peter 2:11-3:12)
1 Peter 2:11 *Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.*
4. Follow Jesus' example when mistreated.
 (2 Peter 2:19-23)
5. We must turn away from evil and do good; we must seek peace and pursue it. (1 Peter 3:8-12)
1 Peter 3:11 *He must turn away from evil and do good; He must seek peace and pursue it.*

D. A Peaceful heart

1. Let peace rule in our hearts.
Colossians 3:15 *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts . . .*
2. God is able to give peace in every circumstance.
2 Thessalonians 3:16 *Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance . . .*
3. Hindrances to our having peace
 - a. Trouble and fear
John 14:27 *Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.*
 - b. Tribulation
John 16:33 *"These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."*
4. Jesus' words give peace.
John 16:33a *These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace.*
5. The Holy Spirit brings Jesus' words to our remembrance.
John 14:26 *But the Helper . . . will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.*

Peace Principles

God is Sovereign.

Daniel 4:35b *But He does according to His will in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth; and no one can ward off His hand or say to Him, "What have You done?"*

Job 23:14a *For He performs what is appointed for me.*

He loves us.

Psalms 103:11 *For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.*

He is fully aware of our sorrows.

Psalms 56:8 *You have taken account of my wanderings; Put my tears in Your bottle. Are they not in Your book?*

He cares for us.

1 Peter 5:7 *Casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.*

Everything He brings into our lives is for our good.

Romans 8:28-29a *We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.* ²⁹ *For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son . . .*

His grace is sufficient for us.

2 Corinthians 12:9 *And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

2 Corinthians 9:8 *God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.*

He is our help.

Psalm 46:1 *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

Do not worry. Pray!

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. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

How does peace come?

It comes through the Word,
breathed out by God's Spirit,
dwelling in us richly
so that we are
emotionally governed
by the Word.

