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<u>Peace</u>- Is a state of assurance, lack of fear, and sense of contentment. It is fellowship, harmony, and unity between individuals.

Peace is freedom from worry, disturbance, and oppressive thoughts.

Peace is something everyone wants, but few seem to find.

- 1. Are there different types of Peace?
- There are different types of peace, including *false peace*, *inner peace*, *peace with God*, and *peace with man*.
- 2. Hebrew word for "peace" is *shalom*, and it refers to relationships between people (Genesis 34:21), nations (1 Kings 5:12), and God with men (Psalm 85:8).
- 3. Do your actions impact your peace?
- Peace is directly related to the actions and attitudes of individuals; but it is ultimately a gift from God.

(John 14:27) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

- ❖ Wholeness in their relationship with God. They now have a way (the Spirit) to reach God.
- 4. What does the presence of peace indicate in a person's life?
- The presence of peace indicates God's blessing on man's obedience and faith.

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- 5. Do everyone have peace?
- There is no peace for the wicked.

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- 6. Can peace be counterfeited?
- As valuable as peace is, it is not surprising to find that it is sometimes counterfeited.
- Empty promises of peace can be used to manipulate others.
- Deceitful men speak words of peace while secretly planning evil.
- 7. How many of you have peace with God?
- 8. How did you get it?
- It is through Christ's work of justification that we can have peace with God.

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

- 9. How many of you are peace makers?
- God commands us to seek peace.

(Psalm 34:14) Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

(Matthew 5:9) Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10. How much effort should you put in to being at peace with others?

• We should make every effort to do what leads to peace.

(Romans 14:19) Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

- 11. What about the people that doesn't want peace?
- There will be some people who do not desire peace, but we are still to do our utmost to be at peace with them.

(Romans 12:18) If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

- 12. As believers what obligation should we have to peace?
- Believers have an obligation to "<u>let the peace of God rule</u>" in their hearts.

(Colossians 3:15) Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

- This means we have the choice either to trust God's promises (letting His peace rule) or to rely on ourselves and reject the peace He offers.
- 13. What does it take to experience the peace of God?
- Peace is a fruit of the Spirit, if we are allowing the Spirit of God to rule in our lives, we will experience His peace.

Conclusion:

The world will continue to have wars and conflicts until Jesus comes to establish true, lasting peace (Isaiah 11:1-10), but God will give His peace to those who trust Him. Jesus took the chastisement of our peace (Isaiah 53:5) and has made it possible for us to have peace with God. Once His peace rules in our hearts, we are able to share that peace with others; we become publishers of peace (Isaiah 52:7) and ministers of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18).

(Philippians 4:6–7) Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.