



# Believe

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Week 23

What brings you peace?

Are people searching for  
peace?

What visible attributes  
can be found in someone  
who lives at peace?

Can you have a false  
sense of peace?

Where are people  
searching for peace at?



# Connersville gripped by heroin epidemic

Police chief calls problem 'overwhelming'



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# Fayette County asks state to allow needle exchange program



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One drug addicts description  
of a heroin high:

*“A feeling of euphoria and  
relaxation one is at peace  
with the world and all  
those around oneself”*

# 5 ways to find peace



1. We must surrender  
to God

## Colossians 1: 19-21

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven

by making peace  
through his blood, shed  
on the cross. Once you  
were alienated from God  
and were enemies in  
your minds because of  
your evil behavior.

Do you think those in  
the world who have not  
made Jesus Lord of  
their lives will ever  
experience true peace?

If peace is found in God how  
do you explain

Matthew 10: 34-36?

“Do not suppose that I  
have come to bring peace  
to the earth. I did not  
come to bring peace, but  
a sword.



For I have come to turn  
“a man against his father,  
a daughter against her  
mother, a daughter-in-law  
against her mother-in-law—  
a man’s enemies will be  
the members of his own  
household.’

# James 4: 4

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

Biblical Joy and Biblical  
Peace are very similar.

Just as Biblical Joy does  
not equal happiness

Biblical Peace does not  
equal lack of conflict

**Biblical Joy is internal. It is constant and is not impacted by external events.**

**Biblical Peace is internal. It is constant and is not impacted by external events.**

What is the source  
of Biblical Peace?



## John 15: 5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

## 2. Letting go and Letting God

3. Put away revenge

## Romans 12: 18-21

**If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.**

On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



# 4. Pray

What role does Prayer play  
in combating anxiety?

1 Peter 5: 6

Humble yourselves,  
therefore, under God's  
mighty hand, that he may lift  
you up in due time. Cast all  
your anxiety on him  
because he cares for you.

## Matthew 25: 36-39

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled.

he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed

If Jesus needed to pray in difficult situations to find peace, why would we think we don't need to?

# 5. Have Faith

Have Faith

that things will work

out, maybe not

how you planned

but how it's

meant to be...



“Sometimes the best thing you can do is not think. Not wonder. Not Imagine. Not Obsess. Just Pray and have faith that everything will work out for the best.”

# Believe God!!!

## Romans 8: 28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

## 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.

## Romans 10: 17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Although true peace is available to all who call Jesus Lord, many Christians continue to live in fear and anxiety. Why do you think this is the case?

Repeat after me:

I am free from anxiety  
because I have found  
peace with God.