

Isaiah 9:6
For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

I. Understanding Peace

Luke 2:13-14
Suddenly a great company of the Heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Peace: An exemption from the _____ and _____ of war.

A. Peace is _____

Serendipity: Finding something _____ in the process of focusing on something else.

Peace is not the absence of _____ but the presence of _____.

Peace is not the absence of _____ but the presence of _____ in the midst of our problems.

B. Peace is _____

Romans 5:1
Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we^{ab} have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

C. Peace is _____

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

D. Peace is _____

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.

II. Peace Poachers

A. _____

Being preoccupied with life's storms _____ your boat can often allow you to forget who is _____ your boat.

B. _____

A life lived for self is a life characterized by _____.

C. _____

_____, and _____ we look to in order to bring us peace.

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.

D. _____

Constant reminders that your _____ or your lack of _____ leaves you as a _____ second-class citizen at best.

III. Possessing Peace

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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A. _____

Rejoicing _____ the peace process.

To rejoice is to celebrate the

_____ of the One who does not change.

We will never have peace until we learn to rejoice in the

_____ of the Lord.

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.

B. Be _____

Others-centered living _____ the peace process.

All I Want for Christmas Is:
Someone to Calm Me

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many."

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A heart that is right with _____ will be a heart that is right with _____.

Anything that draws me away from

_____ will ultimately draw me away from _____.

C. _____

Prayer keeps the peace process from

_____.