

The Fruit of the Spirit is...Peace

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Shalom:

The Hebrew word for “peace” is more than the absence of conflict or opposite of war. *Shalom* means “completeness, soundness, safety, and wholeness” within the community or nation.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

~Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

~Romans 12:18 (NLT)

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

~Hebrews 12:14 (NIV)

For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.

~Ephesians 6:15 (NLT)

For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord’s people.

~1 Corinthians 14:33 (NIV)

God loves peace...Consider these recurring themes:

1. Peace is part of God's character, for he is frequently referred to as "the God of Peace" (see Rom. 15:33; 2 Cor. 13:11; Phil. 4:9; Heb. 13:20; Judg. 6:24).
2. Peace is one of the greatest blessing that God gives to those who follow him (see Lev. 26:6; Num. 6:24-26; Judg. 5:31; Ps. 29:11, 119:165; Micah 4:1-4; Gal 6:16).
3. God repeatedly commands his people to seek and pursue peace (see Ps. 34:14; Jer. 29:17; Rom. 14:19; 1 Cor. 7:15; 2 Cor. 13:11; Col. 3:15; 1 Thess. 5:13; Heb 12:14). He also promises to bless those who do so (see Ps. 37:37; Prov. 12:20; Matt 5:9; James 3:18).
4. God describes his covenant with his people in terms of peace (see Num. 25:12; Isa. 54:10; Ezek. 34:25, 37:26; Mal. 2:5)
5. God taught his people to use the word peace (Hebrew shalom and Hebrew eirene) as a standard form of greeting (Judg. 6:23, 1 Sam. 16:5; Luke 24:36) and parting (1 Sam. 1:17; 2 Kings 5:19; Luke 7:50, 8:48). Nearly all of the New Testament Epistles either begin or end with a prayer for peace (Rom. 1:7, 15:13; Gal 1:3; 2 Thess. 3:16)

From The Peacemaker by Ken Sande, p 43-44

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When Anxiety Attacks –Pastor Steven Furtick, Elevation Church

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Books:

The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict by Ken Sande

Peace Child: An Unforgettable Story of Primitive Jungle Treachery in the 20th Century by Don Richardson

Mountains of Spices by Hannah Hurnard