



JESUS, OUR ROAD TO PEACE

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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.

I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me,

John 14:27, 30

"Peace I leave with you." I can't think of anything more comforting than these words from Jesus on the night before he was to die. Although he knew he would soon be suffering the worst kind of death imaginable, he was thinking of us and our welfare.

The peace Jesus gives is not like human peace. It's not based on circumstances. As Jesus said in John 16:33: *"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* He wants us to have hearts filled with peace—hearts free of anxiety.

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The peace Jesus gives is the peace he enjoys with his Father. Imagine sharing that kind of peace with him! In Jesus there's true peace, lasting peace, and wholeness of reconciliation with God. Where there is conflict or dysfunction he wants to restore harmony and wholeness.

When we believe in Christ's great love for us—when we feel his peace—we could very well be motivated to reconcile broken relationships in our own lives. As we are reconciled to God's heart, we can also be reconciled to each other.

What would a restored relationship look like? What should we work towards?

The question we must ask is this: Am I allowing God to do his work in me? Colossians 3:12-15, written by the apostle Paul may help.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Why not take some time and listen to this moving song by Vinesong? [Peace Like a River](#)

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