

# PEACE

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What is peace?

What can we do to have peace?

Can we help others achieve peace?

## John 16:33

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

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  - What does it mean to have peace?
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Three examples of what is NOT peace.

- Cain (Genesis 4)
- Shalosky Brothers
- My Uncle



## Example 1 - Genesis 4:

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. 3 In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. 4 And Abel also brought an offering—

- + looked with favor on Abel and his offering, 5 but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

6 Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? 7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

## Genesis 4 (cont.):

8 Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

- + 9 Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"
  - "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"
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10 The Lord said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. 11 Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

12 When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

Cain – NOT at peace! At war with ... God.

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  - Example 2 - Shalosky Brothers
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Example 3 – Uncle O

What do we miss when we don't have peace?

From verse 2 of It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

“And man, at war with man, hears not  
the love song which they (the angels) bring”

The verse offers a solution:

“Oh hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
and hear the angels sing”

(Bob Newhart method: Just “Stop It!”)

Two verses resonate with me right now:

Romans 12:18

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

Matthew 5:9

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

# What can we do to have peace?

## Romans 5:1

- Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
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## 1 Peter 3:11

Let him turn away from evil and do good;  
let him seek peace and pursue it.





# What can we do to help others have peace?

## Romans 14:19

+ Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.



- - o 2 Corinthians 13:11

...Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

## Proverbs 16:7

When a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

# Encouragement

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.

Prayer Teams Available!

- Do you need to find peace?
- Do you need to make peace with someone?