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- Bible Study
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Peace Our Built in Security System

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Galatians 5:22 " The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace..."

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- The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace...Galatians 5:22
 - Introduction
- Only as we live in Love can we fulfill the will of God in our lives. Every born again believer must become love inspired, love mastered, and love driven. Without the Fruit of the Spirit (love), we are "a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal (I Corinthians 13:1 amp)."
- "The Fruit of the Spirit is Love," and it is manifested in Joy, Peace, Long suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness and Temperance:

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- Joy is Love's strength
- Peace is Love's security
- Long Suffering is Love's patience
- Gentleness is Love's conduct
- Goodness is Love's character
- Faith is Love's confidence
- Meekness is Love's humility
- Temperance is Love's victory
- "Against such there is no law".
- We will be discussing Peace our built in security system.

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- Peace means "wellness and wholeness: Nothing missing, nothing broken."
- It is possible for you to live a life with no lack. It comes from trusting God.
- Deuteronomy 2:7 (King James Version)
- 7 For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the LORD thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.
- The Israelites lived without lack for 40 years, because the Lord blessed them.
- The blessing to prosper is "an empowerment" from God that enables you to succeed.

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- The Bible speaks of Peace in various ways:
- Peace with God or Peace above us
- Colossians 1:20 (King James Version)
- 20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.
- This Peace with God was secured through the shedding of Jesus' blood.
 - On the cross of Calvary
 - Through His death
 - (and also) in His Resurrection.

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- The first Word Jesus addressed to His own disciples, after His victory over the grave was, "Peace be unto you" (John 20:19).
- John 20:19 (King James Version)
- 19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.
- John 14:27 (King James Version)
- 27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

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- The Peace of God --- Peace within us
- This is Peace that comes from full, unhindered and unbroken fellowship with Jesus Christ, who is our Peace.
- Thirdly:
- Romans 1:7 (King James Version)
- 7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Peace from God includes all the blessings of God we need for time and eternity.

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- Ephesians 1:3 (New King James Version)
- 3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,
- Your Heavenly Father has already blessed you with the root to all you need.
- What you can't see (the root) is more real than what you can see (the fruit).
- There are three things you must do to ensure that the Blessing is on your life.
 - ♦ Be Obedient
 - ♦ Be Faithful
 - ♦ Make an exchange

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- Whenever you don't understand the purpose for something, abuse is inevitable.
- Because the Israelites didn't know the purpose for their prosperity, they built an idol instead of building God a sanctuary. (Exodus chapters 25-32)
- Proverbs 19:21 is a foundation scripture that will help you understand God's purpose.
- Proverbs 19:21 (New International Version)
- 21 Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.
- Proverbs 19:21 (The Message)
- 21 We humans keep brainstorming options and plans, but God's purpose prevails.

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- The disciples were given power and authority in Luke 19:1-2
- Luke 9:1-2 (King James Version)
- 1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.
- 2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.
- The disciples lacked nothing in Luke 22:35
- Luke 22:35 (King James Version)
- 35 And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing.

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- God Promised that He would supply all our need in Philippians 4:19.
- Philippians 4:19 (King James Version)
- 19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
- Philippians 4:19 (Amplified Bible)
- 19 And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
- God is Jehovah Jireh, which means:
 - ♦ "God is your provider and His provision shall be seen."
- Why is it some people still lack things?
- Go to Hosea 4:6 in the Message Bible

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- Hosea 4:6 (Message)
- 6 My people are ruined because they don't know what's right or true.
- Joshua 18:1 (King James Version)
- 1 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.
- You won't possess your inheritance if you are slow to believe or don't know what's right or true.
- Lack and uncertainty are enemies to your peace.
- Satan brings trouble to get you to move away from the Word of God. Why?

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- Because he knows your only security against his attacks is the Word of God.
- The Word of God is your Peace.
- It allows you to have security in the midst of turmoil and satanic attacks.
- It is your responsibility to remain in a state of Peace.
- How do you do that, you may ask?
- Psalm 34:14 (Amplified Bible)
- 14 Depart from evil and do good; seek, inquire for, and crave peace and pursue (go after) it!
- Peace is not automatically established in your heart.

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- The only way to establish Peace in your heart is by staying focused on the Word of God.
- Don't wait until trouble comes before you decide to fix your mind on the Word.
- Crave peace and go after it!

One of the functions of Peace is to prevent the hearts of God's people from being troubled.


You cultivate Peace in your life by refusing to worry about your circumstances.

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- Philippians 4:6-7 (The Message)
- 6-7 Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.
- The Peace of God acts like a military guard over your heart and mind.
- Philippians 4:6-7 (New Living Translation)
- 6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.
- 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

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- Philippians 4:6-7 (GOD'S WORD Translation)
- 6 Never worry about anything. But in every situation let God know what you need in prayers and requests while giving thanks.
- 7. Then God's peace, which goes beyond anything we can imagine, will guard your thoughts and emotions through Christ Jesus.
- Anxiety and worry cannot change the state or condition of anything from bad to good.
- Worry means to struggle.

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- The Greek word translated "careful" (anxious) here in verse 6 means "to be pulled in different directions."
- Our hopes pull us in one direction, fear pulls us in another direction, and we are pulled apart.
- If you have ever really worried, you know it does strangle a person!
- In fact, worry has definite physical consequences: headaches, neck pain, ulcers, even back pains.
- Worry will effect your thinking, your digestion, and even your coordination.
- Worry is the greatest thief of Joy and Peace.

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From the Spiritual point of view, worry is wrong thinking (the mind) and wrong feeling (the heart) about:

Worry is wrong thinking and wrong feelings about:


- Circumstances
- People
- Things

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- Worry is meditating on the devil's lies or the circumstances.
- For many believers, worry comes naturally.
- Don't think for one nano second that God is not interested or doesn't want to get involved in your life.
- Matthew 6:25-27 (Amplified Bible)
 - 25 Therefore I tell you, stop being perpetually uneasy (anxious and worried) about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; or about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life greater [in quality] than food, and the body [far above and more excellent] than clothing?
 - 26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father keeps feeding them. Are you not worth much more than they?
 - 27 And who of you by worrying and being anxious can add one unit of measure (cubit) to his stature or to the span of his life?


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- Matthew 6:31-33 (Amplified Bible)
 - 31 Therefore do not worry and be anxious, saying, What are we going to have to eat? or, What are we going to have to drink? or, What are we going to have to wear?
 - 32 For the Gentiles (heathen) wish for and crave and diligently seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows well that you need them all.
 - 33 But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.


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If our Heavenly Father is interested in the birds, how much more is He interested in you?


- Worry causes you to forget just how much the Heavenly Father loves you.
- Worry is a sin. We call God a liar when we worry.
- The birds don't worry, why should we.
- Proverbs 16:3 (Amplified Bible)
 - 3 Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed.

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- Philippians 4:6-9 (King James Version)
 - 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
 - 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
 - 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.
 - 9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

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- It's not enough for us, however, to tell ourselves to "quit worrying" because that will never capture the thief.
- Worry is an "inside job", and it takes more than good intentions to get the victory!
- The antidote to worry is the secure mind.
- "And the peace of God... shall keep (garrison, guard like a soldier) your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (verse 7)
- When you have the secure mind, the Peace of God guards you and the God of Peace guides you. (verse 9)

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- **With that kind of protection, why worry?**
- Here are three steps to help you conquer worry and have Peace of mind:
- (verse 6-7) right praying
- (verse 8) right thinking
- (verse 9) right living
- Believers who lack Peace are neglecting the needful thing.
- What is the needful thing?

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- Luke 10:38-42 (Amplified Bible)
- 38 Now while they were on their way, it occurred that Jesus entered a certain village, and a woman named Martha received and welcomed Him into her house.
- 39 And she had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at the Lord's feet and was listening to His teaching.
- 40 But Martha [overly occupied and too busy] was distracted with much serving; and she came up to Him and said, Lord, is it nothing to You that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me [to lend a hand and do her part along with me]!
- 41 But the Lord replied to her by saying, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things;
- 42 There is need of only one or but a few things. Mary has chosen the good portion that which is to her advantage], which shall not be taken away from her.

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- The needful thing is time spent sitting at the feet of Jesus.
- Don't run away from God when you are in trouble; instead run, to Him because He is your only source of Peace.
- When you don't have Peace, you don't have the Word of God.
- If God delivered you once, He will deliver you again!
- Peace determines your direction.
- Peace tells you where to go.

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- Colossians 3:15 (Contemporary English Version)
- 15 Each one of you is part of the body of Christ, and you were chosen to live together in peace. So let the peace that comes from Christ control your thoughts. And be grateful.
- The Peace that Christ gives is to guide you in the decisions you make.
- Peace acts as your inner guidance system.
- The closer you move to God's will, the more peace you will have.
- The further you move from God's will, the louder your inner alarm will sound.
- Always check your Peace before taking action.

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- There are five ways to tell whether or not you've heard from God.
- (1) It will require faith
- (2) It will require courage
- (3) It will line up with His Written Word
- (4) It will go against the reasons and rationalizations of the world.
- (5) Your heart says, "Yes"

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- Nothing can stop your Peace once you have located God's voice behind every promise.
- God has a pattern for delivering His people.
 - Abraham
 - Daniel
 - Paul and Silas
- Locate your Peace in the Word of God.


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- God makes sure that when He brings you out of trouble, you come out whole.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23 (King James Version)
- 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- God has preordained you to be sanctified for Peace.
- You are supposed to be whole.
- It is God's will for you to be wealthy and healthy, because it's part of the covenant.


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- The only thing you need to possess is a Word from the Lord.
- Psalm 119:165 (King James Version)
- 165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.
- When you esteem God's Word higher than anything else in your life, wellness and wholeness comes about.
- Psalm 48:1 (King James Version)
- 1 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

Because God is great, everything He provides bears the seal of greatness.

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- Isaiah 9:7a (King James Version)
- 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end,.....
- His Peace is, in addition to being great, it is also eternal and there is no limit to it's increase.
- However, the increase of His Peace depends upon the increase of His control over every phase of our life.
- When you spend time in the Word, your Peace will increase.
- You will begin to yield the control of your life to God as your Peace increases.


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- Trust is a matter of believing.
- God wants you (us) to trust Him for everything we need.
- The more you learn of God the more you will trust Him.
- The more you trust God, the more your peace will increase.
- Learn how to trust God's goodness.
- Make the living and written Word the center of your life and it will keep you in perfect peace.

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