

Armour of God Teaching Series

Peace: The Armour of God: “Suit Up”

“Peace” in the Old Testament it would a greeting of welcome or a good bye:

“Shalom”

Peace, Prosperity, wholeness, well being, goodness, blessings etc! and even more is conveyed in this one Hebrew word “Shalom”.

Isaiah 26:3 “**You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.**” The picture of peace in spite of what may or may not be happening outside of oneself is evident, based upon this great word “Trust”. He relies, rests and remains steady because of this unshakable posture and position of great trust.

In the New Testament: “eirene”—comes from the word “eiro”: to Join, tie together into a whole.” “Wholeness or Completeness”. It pictures an inner world that is calm, and joined together in a holistic way, that enables one to respond instead of reacting to people or circumstances of life.

1. **Peace with God:** **Genesis 3:15** God declares war against Satan, and says that hostility would exist between the seed of the woman and the seed of Satan.
Peace would be missing! **Romans 5:1** “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”. We have no hostilities between us. Christ is our “peace treaty” with a Holy Father.”
2. **Peace of God:** **John 14:27** “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.” The NLT says “My gift to you is my peace.” Jesus is saying “My inner world I give as a gift to your inner world.” “My inner calm to your troubled soul.”
3. **Peace for God:** **Matthew 5:9** “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” Peacemaking is the process of bringing order in the midst of turmoil, trouble, and trial. It is lending and offering to people what Jesus has offered to you. Justice is part of this, and bringing comfort to people in grief, and various difficult situations.
4. **Peace in God:** **Acts 9:31** “So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit.” An atmosphere in a large grouping of people, in fact several regional areas were enjoying for a season a peace that was from God and ordered by God. The result was the church(s) of those areas were being established. Peace is a vital building block for establishing God’s kingdom.

Peace as an armour is part of the Message of the good news, pictured in **Ephesians 6:15** and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.” The greatest peacemaking exercise in the world is to bring the good news that the God of Peace has established Peace through His Son’s sacrifice on the cross for all of mankind. One of the greatest strategic things you can do to help protect your inner world is to be ready at any time at any place with any person; share the good news about Jesus Christ and the effect of His peace in your life.” **Ephesians 2:14** “For he himself is our peace,”