

## PEACE

What is peace? When I was young, in the 1970's, "peace" was often communicated by a hand sign like that shown below. This hand sign and the implied message pertained to an end to the Vietnam War; - although it may have been borrowed from Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of England during World War II, who used it to represent victory.



Peace is also associated with Christ – since he is the “prince of peace” and his arrival on earth was pronounced with “peace on Earth and good will to men”. Jesus said: “peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.”

But peace may also be a message of goodwill passed from one to another; expressed as “be at peace” or simply, “peace”. A similar phrase, “Go in

peace”, means to go with the understanding of that the relationship(s) are on good terms.

For you, I pray for peace in your hearts with the knowledge and understanding that you are loved by me, by family and mostly by God himself. Though we will always have trouble in this world, yet peace is still possible. How you might ask? Well, it cannot be found in the things (people, property, or places) of the world because these are not eternal or not perfect – these things can not and will not be the source of peace.

In the book of Philippians, Paul tells us to be anxious for nothing but in everything pray to our Lord – **this will bring peace beyond our understanding** because our hearts and minds will be guarded from the enticements and distractions of this world. Paul goes on to instruct us with the following passage.

Whatever is true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous, or praiseworthy --- meditate on it. Do the things you are learning, receiving, hearing, and seeing in me.  
YOU WILL HAVE PEACE

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