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Philippians 4:6-13

Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

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Complete Confidence & Trust in God

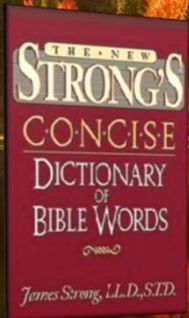
will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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Total Dependence on God - the sovereign of the universe


Attitude of Contentment w/ the spiritual, eternal & certain blessings in Christ

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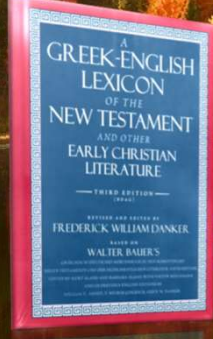
peace (lit. or fig.); by impl. *prosperity*: quietness, rest

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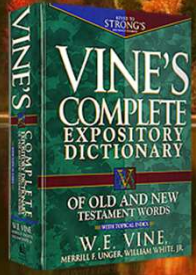
a set of favorable circumstances involving peace and tranquility...

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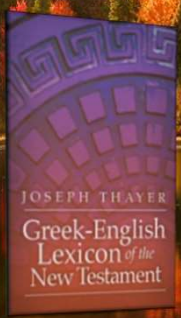
1. a state of concord, harmony - between governments - harmony in personal relationships
2. a state of well-being, synonymous w. messianic salvation

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It describes the harmonized relationships between God and man, accomplished through the gospel, (b) the sense of rest and contentment

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JOSEPH THAYER
Greek-English
Lexicon of the
New Testament


"according to a conception distinctly peculiar to Christianity, the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot"

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PEACE?

Jn. 14:27

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.



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PEACE?

GOD'S PEACE	WORLD'S PEACE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Circumstances good or bad ◆ God is in control ◆ As long as we hold fast to the truth ◆ Based on eternal, spiritual & obtainable promises 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ As long as circumstances are good ◆ As long as we are in control ◆ As long as we keep quiet & don't ruffle feathers ◆ Based on things temporary




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Jn. 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.




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PEACE EXEMPLIFIED

- * Jesus before High Priest & Pilate - (Jn. 18-19)
- * Steven - (Acts 7)
- * James put to death, Herod plans to kill Peter - Peter sleeps - (Acts 12:1-12)
- * Paul preparing for death - (2 Tim 4:6-8)



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HOW CAN I HAVE PEACE?


- * Peace with God is based upon what God has done for us
- * Conditioned upon our adherence to God's revealed will – (**Phil. 4:9**)



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HOW CAN I HAVE PEACE?

- * Comes From Jesus - **Jn 14:27**
- * Preached Through Him - remission of sins - **Acts 10:36-43**
 - ✓ With God – **Rom 5:1-11**
 - ✓ With Others – **Eph. 2:14-16**
 - ✓ With Self – **Phil. 4:7**




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HOW CAN I HAVE PEACE?

- * Right Thinking – **Phil. 4:8**
- * Right Doing – **Phil. 4:9**
- * Right Attitude – **Phil. 4:10-13**

The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.



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HOW CAN I HAVE PEACE?


- With God → Hear Him, Believe Him, & Obey Him – **1 Pet 3:21**
- With Others → 1st - be reconciled to God - then "pursue" peace with others
- With Self → Walk in the Spirit - **Gal. 5:16**



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HOW CAN I HAVE PEACE?

- * Trust in God - Live for Him, not yourself
- * Do not indulge in self pity.
- * Cultivate, love, joy, compassion
- * Slow down - live simply




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HOW CAN I HAVE PEACE?

- * Get beyond the regrets of the past
- * Manage the anxiety of the present
- * Overcome the fear of the future





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HOW CAN I HAVE PEACE?

Hear	John 12:48
Believe	John 8:24
Repent	Luke 13:3
Confess	Matt. 10:32
Baptized	Mark 16:16
Faithful	Matt. 24:13