

Fruit of the Spirit Peace

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1. More than any other, the fruit of peace (especially peace with God) is directly and easily tied to the assurance of salvation. “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 5:1).
2. Peace with ourselves is more complicated
 - a. “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” (John 16:33)
 1. Read Philippians 4:6-7. Why are we anxious about things? Lack of faith is a disbelief that God will come through when we really need Him.
 2. If we are not assured freedom from trouble, what kind of peace does this “fruit” give us?
 - b. “Cast your anxiety on Him because He cares for you” (Peter 5:7-9). How are you at doing that practically?

WHAT ABOUT PEACE WITH OTHERS?

- a. Does peace with others mean harmony-at-any-cost capitulation? In not, that means there must be circumstances where it is your Christian duty to engage in or suffer conflict or discord. See Romans 12:18. At other times, the right thing to do might be to just walk away.
- b. Often times, we do not have the luxury of choosing peace verses conflict, only one conflict in lieu of another.