INNER PEACE

To experience the peace of God that he PROMISES, there are a few steps or decisions you have to make. It is your choice, but if you want true inner peace then follow these steps.

Firstly you must except Christ as your Lord and Savior

<u>John 14:6</u> Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

econdly you must believe his promises.

<u>Hebrews 11:6</u> But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

God cannot lie, it is totally impossible.

2Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, **unto the glory of God by us**.

<u>2Peter 1:4</u> Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

When we except or put on Christ, these precious promises are ours.

<u>Isaiah 9:6</u> For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

We also put on his divine nature and so when he said in John

John 14:27 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.

In other words Before he was crucified, he said he would leave here and also give us the same peace he had. Not as the World gives... In other words anything the world gives is counterfeit or only very temporary.

BUT the peace of God is as permanent as you want.

By trusting his word.

<u>Psalms 40:4</u> Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

The World is always looking for things to bring peace, like riches, jobs, friends, recreational toys or circumstances. None of this will bring inner peace or even lasting peace.

There is only one way to have everlasting inner peace and that is in Christ Jesus. The world cannot understand this peace a Christian has.

<u>Philippians 4:7</u> And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Just because your a Christian it doesn't mean you will never have turmoil or problem that arise, but it does mean that as you look to Christ and believe he has all things in control, the inner peace will wash over you and your heart and mind will be at peace.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Thirdly

In order to maintain the inner peace of God, you must believe God is in control of everything and except HIS VEIW on the circumstances. In other words acknowledge that his will is to transform us into the image of his son.

Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son,

that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

You see, trials, tribulation, persecutions, misunderstandings, heartache and turmoil are all Gods ways of changing us into the image of Jesus.

How long or how much depends on our reactions, worry, anger, fear, and frustration are not the way

to grow in the grace of God. If these are your reactions, then like the children of Israel when they came out of Egypt, THEY HAD TO WANDER 40 years before they learned to not complain and trust God.

You see: worry, unforgiveness, jealousy etc. is sin and will separate us from the peace of God.

If you have any of these anxieties creep in, just rebuke them in Jesus name and cast them out of your mind, then give them to Jesus, literally and verbally.

Once you give something to Jesus it is gone. Satan will bring it back to you, but just say satan get thee behind me, I gave it to Jesus, take it up with him.

<u>Luke 4:8</u> And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

As we learn to take this type of attitude, the trials and tribulation means less and less, as the inner peace grows stronger and stronger.

I have had situations where I have been ridiculed, cussed out and told I was no earthly good and I should of been hurt and upset, but the peace of God came over me so strong I couldn't get upset let alone hurt.

Now this don't necessarily happen that often to new Christians, but it does happen. Usually it's a growing process.

FAITH IS A FACT, BUT IT IS ALSO AN ACT.,

In other words faith by itself means nothing, BUT combine that with doing or stepping out in faith, moves mountains. (Mt 21:21)

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