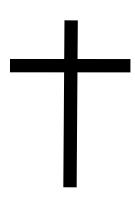
## The Way To Perfect Peace



(The #1 Reason For God!)

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## **The Starting Point**

- **1.** God created humanity in the image of love (*Genesis 1:26, 1 John 4:8*), which means every human being, throughout all time, was created with objective value & dignity.
- 2. If humanity was created with objective value & dignity, then every human being, throughout all time, deserves justice when wronged.
- **3.** We live in a world where every human being, throughout all time, doesn't experience justice when wronged.
- **4.** If that's true, then that's a serious problem. However, there is a solution.
- **5.** The solution is Perfect Peace!

## 1. What is perfect peace?

- 2. "Perfect peace is the time when all injustice, throughout all time, will be rectified and goodness (love) will prevail exclusively forever." As you know, perfect peace is impossible in this world. There might be different degrees of peace in the world, but not perfect peace. Do you agree?
- **3.** Some will say, "I just can't imagine perfect peace. I can only believe what I see." Well, that's why we have faith! Listen to how the Bible describes faith: "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. We hope for something we have not yet seen and we patiently wait for it." (Hebrews 11:1, Romans 8:25) What is it that we hope for that we cannot see? Perfect peace!
- **4.** Philippians 4:7 says, "The peace of God transcends all understanding." Also, Jesus said in John 14:27, "I give you peace, the kind of peace that only I can give. It isn't like the peace that this world can give." According to these verses, only Jesus/God can give perfect peace!
- **5.** If we want perfect peace, then we must "walk by faith and not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7) Having faith means we trust God to establish perfect peace, which is why Hebrews 11:6 says, "Without faith, no one can please God."
- **6.** It's true that we are free to reject having faith in Jesus/God and simply enjoy our lives in this world. However, understand that by rejecting faith in Jesus/God, we also reject perfect peace, which results in us ignoring justice for all people throughout all time. If that's the case, then we must, by default, accept the injustice in this world. Really think about that!
- **7.** According to *Isaiah 32:17*, "Justice will produce lasting peace." Before there can be perfect peace, justice for all people, throughout all time, MUST happen first! That's why *Acts 17:31* says, "For God has set a day when He will judge the world with justice."
- **8.** Here are our options: Have faith in Jesus/God for perfect peace, or reject faith in God/Jesus for this unjust world. Jesus said, "If you have faith in Me, then you don't belong to the world. I have chosen you to leave the world behind, but if you are not with Me, then you are against Me." (John 15:19, Luke 11:23)
- **9.** 1 Corinthians 13:10 says, "When the time of perfection comes, everything that isn't perfect will come to an end." Perfect peace is coming, and if we want to partake in perfect peace, then we must be perfect. Are we perfect? No, but don't be discouraged! Hebrews 10:14 says, "Because of what Jesus did, He has eternally perfected everyone who He brings to God."
- 10. "I pray that God will be kind to you and will let you live in perfect peace! May you keep learning more and more about God and our Lord Jesus." 2 Peter 1:2

## In Conclusion

Here is the question: If God is good, why doesn't He stop all the injustice in the world?

The answer: Because it isn't the right time, but the time will come!

God said, "At the time I have decided, My words will come true. You can trust what I say about the future. It may take a long time, but keep on waiting-- it will happen!" - Habakkuk 2:3

It's a misconception to think that since God doesn't intervene now, then He will never intervene. Goodness isn't always represented as an immediate response. It can also be represented as an *eventual* response. God's goodness isn't based on the timing of His response, but on the certainty that He WILL respond!

Because God is good, not only will He eventually end all the injustice in the world, He MUST! Goodness must always address & rectify injustice in order to create (*perfect*) peace!

God said, "I invite the whole world to turn to Me and be saved. I will save anyone who asks for My help. No matter how far away you are, you can turn to Me!" - Isaiah 45:22, Acts 2:21, Nehemiah 1:9

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