

Lesson: (#8) FRUIT OF PEACE

This is our eighth lesson in the study of the Fruit of the Holy Spirit taken from Gal.5:22-23.

We have learned that each of the nine fruit of Holy Spirit is produced (100%) by the indwelling Holy Spirit (1 Cor.6:19-20).

Today's Fruit of Holy Spirit is **PEACE** (eirene). Eirene denotes a state of divine peace from which come blessings. It is the absence of strife and hostility in relationships.

Eirene emphasizes harmonious relationship whether between individuals or nations or God:

(Rom.12:18) "**If** (elliptical) [no verbs - It requires a doctrinal answer to the question "is it possible for a Christian to live at peace with others?"] **possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.**"
(Mark 9:50)

Paul used eirene to make this point regarding divorce:

(1 Cor.7:15) "Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or sister is not under bondage in such cases, **but God has called us to peace.**"

This lesson will study five aspects of the Fruit of Peace produced by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

1. All three members of the Godhead are involved in divine peace (eirene).

- **God, the Father**

(1 Cor.14:3) "For God is not a **God** of confusion but **of peace**, as in all the churches of the saints."
(2 Cor.13:11; Rom.15:13, 33; Heb.13:20)

- **God, the Son**

(Rom.5:1) "Therefore having been justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our **Lord Jesus Christ.**" (Acts 10:36; Eph.2:14-17)

- **God, the Holy Spirit**

(Rom.14:17) "For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but (alla) [contrast] righteousness (dikaiousune) and **peace** (eirene) and joy (chara) in (no definite article) **Holy Spirit.**" (Gal.5:22-23)

2. Every member of the human race is born with a deficiency, in need of divine peace that is available only through Jesus Christ.

This deficiency is the result of the 13 judicial charges of AOS (Adam's original sin) imputed to every member of the human race (Eph.2:11-19; 5:18) [pleroo]. (SEE "**50 Things FREE**" on HOME page)

(Eph.2:12-16) "Remember that you were at that time **separate** from Christ, **excluded** from the commonwealth of Israel, and **strangers** to the covenant of promise, having **no hope** and **without God** in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who were **far off** have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the **barrier** of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the **enmity**, which is the a Law of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, **thus establishing peace**, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity." (Rom.5:10; Col.1:20-21)

3. Divine peace is offered to every member of the human race through the gospel of grace salvation.

(Col.1:20-21) “And through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, **having made peace through the blood of His cross**; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds.”

There is no peace with God apart from faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ!

(Rom.5:1) “Therefore having been justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Acts 10:36; Heb.13:20) (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9)

(Eph.6:15) “Having shod your feet with the preparation of the **gospel of peace**.” (Isa.52:7; Rom.10:15)

4. God’s peace is involved with all three phases of the plan of God.

- **Phase I (Salvation)**

(Heb.13:20) “Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord.”

- **Phase II (Christian on earth) (CWL)**

(Rom.15:13) “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

- **Phase III (Christian in eternity)**

(1 Thess.5:23) “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (2 Pet.3:12-14)

5. The peace of God that comes from the indwelling Holy Spirit is produced differently than that which comes from the faith cycle of God’s word.

- **Peace of God can be produced 100% by indwelling of Holy Spirit**

(Rom.8:6) “For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life (zoe) and peace (eirene).” (Rom.14:17; 15:13; John 14:26-27; 1 Pet.1:2; **Gal.5:22-23**)

[It works in every stage of spiritual growth.]

- **Peace of God can be also produced 100 % by faith cycle of God’s word**

(John 16:33) “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.” (Rom.14:19; Phil.4:9; 2 Pet.1:2; Jude 2; 2 Thess.3:13-16; 1 Pet.3:11; Col.3:15-16; James 3:15-18)

[It works only in the advancing stages of spiritual growth.]

Here is another benefit of these two things working together in the life of a spiritual advancing believer:

(Phil.4:6-7) “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. And **the peace of God**, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (1 John 5:14-15) [**The effect of effective prayer**]