

What does "peace" mean to you? I am only guessing here, but I would offer the opinion that "peace" means a lot of differing things to many different people. For instance, a harried business executive might call the scene in our header, a wonderful place of peace. While a mother of 6 school age children, might think of the peace in her life when all of her children are away in school! You see, for many people, peace is a place of quite rest from harassment or uproar! But Jesus said it this way:



John 14:25-27 KJV

25 These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you.
26 But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

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.

You see, my friends, peace, in the mind of God, has little to do with the company that you keep or your surroundings. The same Jesus that said that He gave us His peace, is the same Jesus that said this:

John 17:11 KJV And now I am no more in the world, <u>but these are in the world</u>, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

Peace for a true Christian is a "peace" that has it bases on the "Sure Promises" of God! Believers, who lived in the days of during the writing of the Bible, had this testimony:

Hebrews 11:32-40 KJV And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: 33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: 36 And others had trial of *cruel* mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: 37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; 38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and caves of the earth. 39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: 40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect (complete). (Their number will be complete when we too, are added to their number.)

Peace for the True Christian is based upon the unshakable promises of God Himself. He is the only true God and His Word is Sure! <u>He has said</u>, Therefore I am!!!!!

1 John 3:1-3 KJV Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 <u>Beloved, now are we the sons of God</u>, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: <u>but we know</u> that, when he shall appear, <u>we shall be like him</u>; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

