

As believers in Christ, why must we trust God, live to follow Christ, and dwell in His peace?

Ephesians 2:10: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 5:8: "For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord."

Romans 8:6: "For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace."

Colossians 3:3: "For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

The reason being:

1Corinthians 6:17: "He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him."

The ultimate purpose being:

Philippians 3:20: "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

Therefore:

Isaiah 12:2: "God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense."

Galatians 5:22-23: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

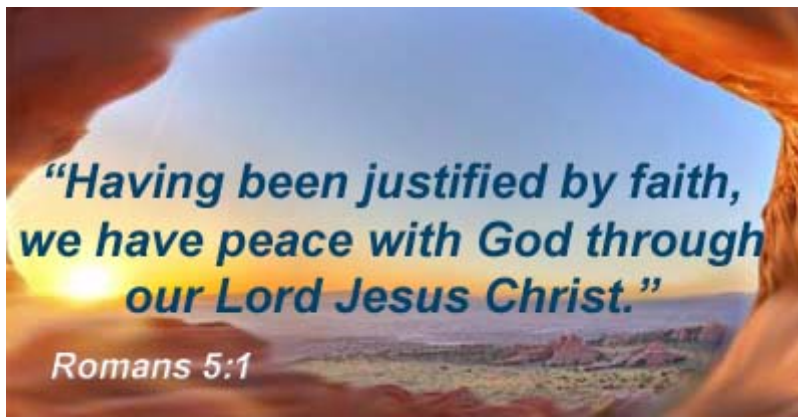
And in so living:

Philippians 4:7: "The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

How faithful am I to follow Christ, so the peace of God inhabits my heart?

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Why is Christ our only secure source of peace?

Isaiah 9:6: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

John 16:33: "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Psalms 23:4: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."

What's more?

Ephesians 1:7: "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."

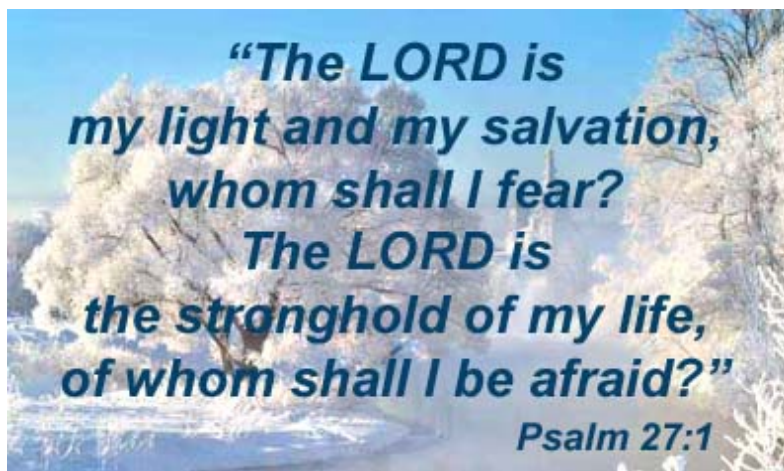
Therefore:

Psalms 85:8: "I will listen to what God the LORD says; He promises peace to His people, His faithful servants."

Ephesians 1:3: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

Is Christ Lord of my life, so I abide in Him and in His peace?

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To what extent does the peace of God inhabit those who abide in Christ?

Isaiah 54:10: “Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet My unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor My covenant of peace be removed.”

Ephesians 2:4-6: “God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus.”

Why?

Colossians 2:9-10: “For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.”

Galatians 4:6: “Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

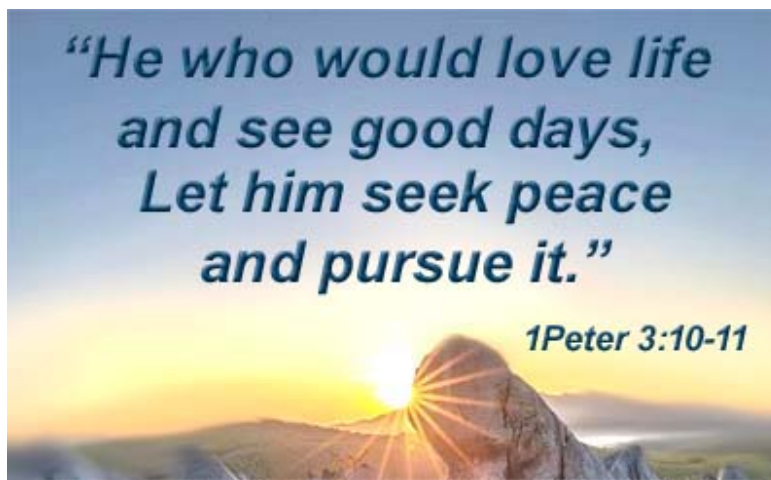
Therefore:

Galatians 4:7: “You are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”

Philippians 4:6-7: “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Do I trust God through all circumstances of my life?

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How must we live to pursue peace in Christ?

Matthew 11:28-30: "Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."

Ephesians 6:14-16: "Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one."

Ephesians 4:1-3: "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Why?

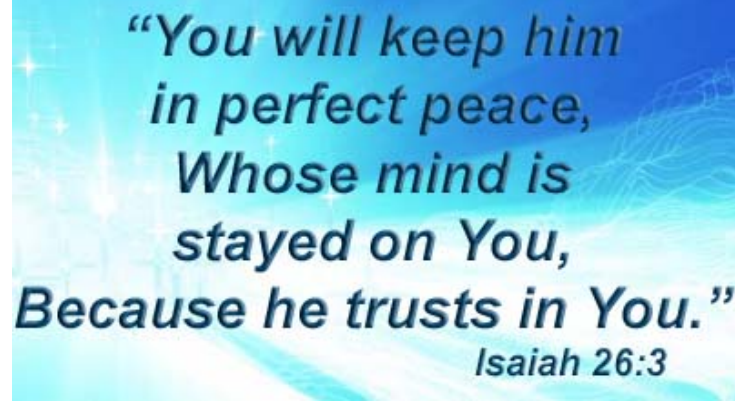
Matthew 5:9: "Blessed *are* the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

Therefore:

Hebrews 12:14: Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord."

How steadfast am I to pursue peace through abiding in Christ, so as to live in peace with God?

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How strong is the power of God's peace on a steadfast follower of Christ?

Isaiah 54:10: "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet My unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor My covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you."

Psalms 119:165: "Those who love your instructions have great peace and do not stumble."

Ephesians 1:13: "In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the Word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise."

Ephesians 2:4-5: "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ."

2Corinthians 5:17: "If anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Therefore:

1Thessalonians 5:23: "May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Is my heart focused on following Christ, so I wholeheartedly trust Him and live in perfect peace?

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