

**“The Peace of God”
Philippians 4:2-9**

Having the peace of God is not _____ upon our circumstances, but upon our _____ with God. The peace of God belongs to those who are so close to Him, that they can have peace in any difficulty.

The peace of God is what HE does and what He gives, not what we do. It is not found in positive _____, in absence of conflict, or in good feelings; it comes from _____ that God is in control.

Even though His peace goes beyond all understanding, we can be sure that for those who _____ solely on Christ Jesus for their salvation, will be given His peace, because God is true and faithful He will always do what He says and fulfill what He has _____.

Often our emotions and our desires can over rule our thinking and our thinking can often _____ our feelings and justify what we want. But the peace of God will _____ us from harmful outside forces.

The peace of God is a _____ in our hearts. But if we are so focused on our cares and our concerns and the complexities of life, this doesn't give the peace of God much of an opportunity to make its _____ on us.

We can be sure that the _____ we make known to God are heard by Him because we are loved by Him.

When we accept the fact that God does understand us, then we can open up to Him and share with Him our _____ concerns with confidence that He will give us His peace in any _____.

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. When do you find it most difficult to experience the peace of God?
2. In what ways does worrying affect the peace of God in your life?
3. What changes can you make to help strengthen your relationship with God in order to for His peace to reign in you life?

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