

## God's Peace

The word "peace" in the Bible, from the Greek word (*eireinei*), refers to a mental attitude of tranquility based on a relationship with God in the Christian way of life. It is a word which describes the result of a person's correct response to God's grace. The Bible uses "peace" in two ways. There is personal peace with God which comes when a person accepts Jesus Christ as Savior and becomes a Christian. Then, there is the peace of God which is available on a daily basis as the believer participates in the Christian way of life according to the plan of God. So, where you find peace mentioned in the Bible it refers either to the reconciliation of a Christian in salvation, as in Eph. 2:14, 17, or to the mental attitude found in the believers, as in Phil. 4:6-7.

On many occasions, our outer struggles are simply manifestations of the inner conflicts that we feel when we stray from God's path. What's often needed is a refresher course in God's promise of peace. As believers, our challenge is straightforward--we should welcome Christ's peace into our hearts and then, as best we can, share the message of His peace with others.