

At Peace with God

Are you at peace in yourself?

Inner peace is a quality that money can't buy. Neither can it be attained by effort or determination. But Jesus said:

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” (John 14:27)

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

He spoke these words to his followers shortly before he was crucified.

So how could Jesus, knowing he was soon to die, promise peace to his followers in a troubled world?

This is because he understood that peace starts on the inside. What he was offering was peace with God and with oneself through forgiveness and relationship. He is still offering that today. He is able to do this because, having died on the cross, a guiltless man, willingly taking the punishment for others' sins, he rose again to life, the victor! He still offers today, to pay the price for your sin so that you can stand before your heavenly father and before your fellow man with no guilt, shame or unforgiveness in your heart.

If you would like to start afresh, and start a relationship with the God who loves you enough to die for you, then read through this prayer and then say it to God.

“Father God, I know that I cannot stand before you guiltless and that I cannot make things up to you by my own effort. Thank you that your son, Jesus Christ, died when it should have been me. I am sorry for living my life without regard for you. Thank you that you accept Jesus' sacrifice for my sin and that you wash me clean. I want to become your child and learn how to live my life with you as my lord. I give you my life now. Please fill me with your Holy Spirit.”

If you have prayed this prayer and meant it, you have become a Christian and are part of God's church. So now you need to find some more Christians who can help you to get to know Jesus better and enjoy the new life that he has for you. A Bible in a modern translation would be a fantastic help too. Please contact us via www.tcfonline.org.uk and we'll be glad to help you. Maybe you would like to go on an Alpha course to understand more about what being a Christian is. We would love to hear from you.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13) New International version of the Bible.