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They don't know where to find peace or what it means to be just and good. They have mapped out crooked roads, and no one who follows them knows a moment's peace. *Isaiah 59:8*

The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace. *Galatians 5:22*

"At last!" the man exclaimed. "This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken from 'man.'" *Genesis 2:23*

Adam and Eve's peace...

- **They were at peace with self.**

Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame. *Genesis 2:25*

- **They were at peace with each other.**

This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. *Genesis 2:24*

- **They were at peace with their environment.**

Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground." *Genesis 1:28*

- **They were at peace with God.**

When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. *Genesis 3:8*

Sin brings chaos...

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" *Genesis 3:1*

- **Satan questions God's Word.**

"Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'" Genesis 3:2 – 3

- **Satan denies God's Word.**

"You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. Genesis 3:4

- **Satan reverses God's Word.**

"God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." Genesis 3:5

At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" He replied, "I heard You walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked." "Who told you that you were naked?" the Lord God asked. "Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?" The man replied, "It was the woman You gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it." Genesis 3:7 – 12

Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. Genesis 3:17 – 18

Hints of God's peace plan...

- **God's curse on Satan.**

"I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike His heel." Genesis 3:15

- **God's dress code.**

The Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife. Genesis 3:21

You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on the character of Christ, like putting on new clothes. Galatians 3:26 – 27

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. 2 Corinthians 5:19

Since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. *Romans 5:1*

When people's lives please the Lord, even their enemies are at peace with them. *Proverbs 16:7*

Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. *Romans 12:18*

Christ Himself has brought peace to us. *Ephesians 2:14*

Lessons about Jesus' peace...

• **Jesus' peace is an internal peace.**

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." *Jesus in John 14:27*

"Come to Me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you. Let Me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Jesus in Matthew 11:28 – 29

Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you. *1 Peter 5:7*

• **Jesus' peace is an eternal peace.**

The Lord will mediate between nations and will settle international disputes. They will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will no longer fight against nation, nor train for war anymore. *Isaiah 2:4*

• **Jesus' peace is a conditional peace.**

Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased. *Luke 2:14*

Unfailing love and truth have met together. Righteousness and peace have kissed! *Psalms 85:10*

Righteousness will bring peace. *Isaiah 32:17*

Oh, that you had listened to My commands! Then you would have had peace flowing like a gentle river and righteousness rolling over you like waves in the sea. *Isaiah 48:18*

Christ Himself has brought peace to us. *Ephesians 2:14*

Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! *2 Corinthians 5:17*

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:6 – 7*