

Perfect PEACE!

KJV Isaiah 26:3 *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*

The prophet Isaiah says people who place their total confidence in God will be **kept** by God in a state of *perfect peace*.

Or as The Hebrew says *Shalom, Shalom!*

Peace, peace or *peace upon peace*; *wave after wave of peace*, all kinds of peace—from prosperity to tranquility!

Shalom is a state of **wholeness and security where nothing needed is missing and nothing being used is broken.**

The key is having our **minds stayed**; the images and ideas that frame our minds. What we constantly think about either produces or steals our peace.

There is so much frustration, anger and tension everywhere it's robbing people of peace.

ESV John 16:32-33 ***Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.***

33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Notice what Jesus is saying... *"A time will come when people will be scattered, separated and alone."*

Isn't that what's happening—people divided over issues!

- Divided over sexual orientation.
- Divided over race.
- Divided over immigration.
- Divided over Health Care.
- Divided over the Budget

Even believers are separating themselves from other believers.

People leaving the presence of Jesus and stay home (to themselves) because they can't get peace at church fellowshiping with their brothers and sister in Christ.

All these issues are robbing us of the PEACE OF God!

Jesus tells us these things so we can be prepared!

We are calm & have PEACE when we are prepared for something!

➤ **Jesus says the world systems can never produce God's peace only tribulation!**

Tribulation is three kinds of trouble “distress, turmoil and affliction”

❖ **The Romans ground their corn with a very heavy roller called a tribulum.**

It **not only** ground the corn into a very fine powder it also pressed it flat.

Satan is using the troubles of life to weigh on us, too slowly grind us down and wear us out!

Tribulation is designed to **press us down and wear on us until we are ground to powder.**

Dan 7:25 Says a tactic of The Anti-Christ *is to wear out the saints!*

Powder can be easily blown away by any **wind of doctrine.** (Eph 4:14)

*Luke 22:31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat,
32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail."*

Grain was sifted by throwing into the wind to separate the chaff from the wheat! The wind would blow away the light weight part!

Our TIME is BLOWN—wasting time on worldly things!

Our MONEY is BLOWN—wasting money trying to feel good!

And our MIND is BLOWN—don't know if we're coming or going!

We become so overwhelmed and weighed down with problems we have no strength to resist anything the devil throws at us.

We'll take just about anything that says it will relieve the pressure!

We have national problems, state problems, county problems and city problems!

Most people are stretched too thin—

- [No wonder your energy level is low!](#)
- [Your attention span is short!](#)
- [Your attitude is bad!](#)
- [You're hyper sensitive!](#)
- [Your words are harsh!](#)

When the enemy has stolen your peace, your feeling of security you start blaming others for our condition.

- ❖ You start thinking everything is falling apart!
- ❖ You become distracted the things missing in your life rather than being grateful for the things God has fixed, healed and blessed!

Jesus already told us the world is falling apart!

Jesus already told us the only place of peace is found in Him!

Jesus already told us He overcame the world and its systems!

Jesus told us to have courage He's got our future secure!

When we trust God The **PEACE OF GOD** makes us whole, complete and puts us a in a state of calm where we depend on God, not man.

*KJV Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace.***

There's a reason Jesus called "**The Prince of PEACE.**"

Jesus Christ **The Word** governs, controls and dispenses peace!

He is the Sovereign Lord of peace—meaning no one can have peace apart from **The Word!**

*KJV John 14:27 **Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.***

KJV Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:

The “**Imaginal Cell**” is a term biologists made up to describe a process or stage a caterpillar is in while they are in the middle of their final stage of transformation.

While the caterpillar forms what’s called a chrysalis a hardened protective case. Inside this case the **caterpillar unable to move** dissolves into organic goo and certain cells which had been dormant called the “**imaginal cells**” begin coming together forming the new creature (beautiful butterfly).

NIV Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.