



Start with this...

Have you ever been in a hostile situation? (Probably not a bank-robbery, but something relationally)
What are common ways people diffuse conflict? (Avoiding it can be one of the answers)
Do you know anyone who looks for conflict?

How does perfect PEACE come to us?

By Jesus Christ

- Turn to Philippians 4:7 and notice that the Lord Jesus Christ is the channel through whom the peace of God flows into our souls. This peace within is the possession of the Christian alone. There is no peace for anyone who does not possess Christ and who is not resting on the finished work of Christ for salvation. It is “the blood of Jesus (which) whispers peace within” (Colossians 1:20).

By the Holy Spirit

- The Lord Jesus Christ procured peace for us upon the cross of Calvary, and that peace is offered to us through Him as the channel; but it is conveyed to our hearts and minds by the Holy Spirit --> look up Galatians 5:22.
- As the Holy Spirit fills and floods our lives, so He produces this wonderful fruit within us.

By His Word

- Look up the great promise which is made in Psalm 119:165. Things and people can so often disturb us, or even cause us to stumble, but here is a promise of perfect peace to those people who love and meditate in and obey the Word of God.

By Our Obedience

- Look up Leviticus 26:3-6, and be sure to notice that most important word “If”. God guarantees to us that if we will walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, He will keep our hearts in perfect peace; if we will do our part, then God will surely do His part.

By Plenty of Prayer & Praise

- The promise of Philippians 4:7 is preceded by the conditions mentioned in verse 6.

Ultimately... We are promised to have peace with God because of Christ!

We can walk in peace as a natural by product of the fruit of the Spirit.

And we get to resemble God to an unbelieving world when we diffuse peace.