

5.4 True Peace

Bible Verse: For you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. – 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3

Proclaim: *The Lord Jesus said: "My peace I give to you!"*

Truth: All the things of this world cannot give real peace. Only the Savior and Lord Jesus Christ can give us true and satisfying peace.

Scripture:
Matthew 8:23-27

Main Lesson Points:

- **Who continually trust in the Lord** – Mat 8:23-27, Isa 26:3-4
- **Who commit all to God in prayer** – Phi 4:6-7
- **Who do the kingdom will of God** – Mat 6:33, Psa 139:2,5; Psa 122:6
- **The Lord is the Prince of Peace** – Joh 17:15

An Empty Peace:

Many people try to find peace by using drugs, drinking alcohol, or resorting to other bad choices. But

when we try to seek peace from something or from somewhere other than from God, it's not lasting. The Bible prophesied that in the end times, we will face tribulations and the world will increase in earthquakes, etc. The earth has more and more faults such that the most successful or richest cannot remove the risks of catastrophes nor ensure his own safety. Only God can give true, lasting peace, and Jesus secured this satisfying peace for everyone who asks for it. Do you know this peace? Do you have God's peace inside of you?

Interesting Questions:

(Choose 1 or more to discuss)

- **Can you tell the difference between temporal peace and lasting peace?**
- **Where does true peace come from? (John 14:27)**
- **How can we enjoy the abundant peace of God? (Isaiah 26:3)**

Think:

Can you help show God's true peace to others?

Pray:

Use the space below to write a prayer asking God to open your heart to receiving the true peace that only He can give:

Act: The Lord's peace is available at all times. When you're troubled, worried or anxious, stop and pray to God in Jesus' name for the true peace He has already purchased for you through His death on the cross.

