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Metaphorically, peace of mind, tranquility, arising from reconciliation with God and a sense of a divine favor (Rom. 5:1; 15:13; Phil. 4:7 [cf. Is. 53:5]).

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By implication, a state of peace, tranquility (Luke 2:29; 11:21; John 16:33; Acts 9:31; 1 Cor. 14:33; 1 Thess. 5:3; Sept.: Judg. 6:23; Is. 14:30; Ezek. 38:8, 11).

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Peace, meaning health, welfare, prosperity, every kind of good. In Luke 1:79, “the way of peace” means the way of happiness; 2:14; 10:6, “son of peace” means son of happiness, i.e., one worthy of it; 19:42; Rom. 8:6; Eph. 6:15, “gospel of peace” means gospel of bliss, i.e., which leads to bliss; 2 Thess. 3:16.

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“The God of peace” means the author and giver of blessedness (Rom. 15:33; 16:20; Phil. 4:9; 1 Thess. 5:23; Heb. 13:20 [cf. Sept.: Is. 9:6, “the Prince of Peace”]). “Your peace” means the good or blessing which you have in Christ and share through salutation and benediction (Matt. 10:13; Luke 10:6; John 14:27).



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The expression “with peace” means with good wishes, benediction, kindness (Acts 15:33; Heb. 11:31). Simply “in peace” (1 Cor. 16:11; Sept.: Gen. 26:29; Ex. 18:23).

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As used in formulas of salutation, either at meeting or parting, see *aspázomai* (782), *to embrace, to greet*. Thus on meeting, the salutation is “Peace be unto you [*eirénē humín*],” meaning every good wish (Luke 24:36; John 20:19, 21, 26; Dan. 10:19).

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“God’s peace, the peace of which the Bible speaks, never evades issues; it knows nothing of peace at any price. It does not gloss or hide, rationalize or excuse. It confronts problems and seeks to solve them, and after the problems are solved it builds a bridge between those who were separated by the problems. It often brings its own struggle, pain, hardship, and anguish, because such are often the price of healing.”

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“It is not a peace that will be brought by kings, presidents, prime ministers, diplomats, or international humanitarians. It is the inner personal peace that only He can give to the soul of man and that only His children can exemplify.”

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