
THE UNSHAKEABLE WORD

53 Bible Verses on Peace

New King James Version • From the Psalms of David to the letters of the risen Christ

The Hebrew word is shalom. The Greek word is eirēnē. Both mean far more than the absence of conflict. They mean wholeness, completeness, nothing missing, nothing broken. This is the peace God promises — not a pause between storms, but a Person who holds you through them.

Read slowly. Let each verse settle before you move to the next.

The Peace Christ Gives

Peace that the world cannot manufacture, explain, or take away.

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JOHN 14:27

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

Jesus draws a sharp line between two kinds of peace. The world offers peace as the absence of conflict — a temporary cease-fire. His peace is a different substance entirely: steady, interior, unshaken by circumstance. He leaves it like an inheritance. It is already yours.

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PHILIPPIANS 4:7

“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

This peace does not make sense. Paul does not promise it will ‘make sense’ — he says it surpasses understanding. You will not be able to explain why you are calm. That unexplainability is part of the miracle.

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COLOSSIANS 3:15

“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”

The word rule here is the Greek *brabeuo* — the umpire who calls the plays. Let God’s peace be the deciding voice in your heart. When you are torn, let peace be the arbiter.

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ROMANS 5:1

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Before peace in circumstances, there is peace with God. This is the ground everything else stands on. The hostility between heaven and the human soul has been resolved at the cross. That is where settled peace begins.

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ISAIAH 26:3

“You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.”

Perfect peace in the Hebrew is shalom shalom — peace doubled. The condition is a stayed mind: one that has anchored itself to God and refuses to drift. Trust is not a feeling. It is a direction your thoughts consistently choose.

WHEN YOUR SOUL IS IN TURMOIL

When Your Soul Is in Turmoil

For the moments when anxiety, fear, or grief have stolen your inner stillness.

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MATTHEW 5:9

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

Peacemaking is not peacekeeping. Peacekeeping avoids conflict at all costs. Peacemaking enters the conflict and works for reconciliation at personal cost. Jesus calls peacemakers sons of God — they look like their Father.

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PSALM 29:11

“The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.”

Peace here is not something you achieve — it is something God gives. It arrives as a blessing, not a reward. You cannot earn it by trying harder. You receive it by drawing near.

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JOHN 16:33

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I am have overcome the world.”

Jesus does not promise a trouble-free life. He promises an overcomer. The peace He offers is not the absence of tribulation — it is the presence of the One who has already won.

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PSALM 4:8

“I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.”

Sleep is one of the most honest measures of peace. Anxiety lives loudest in the dark, in the quiet, when there is nothing left to distract you. David could sleep — not because circumstances were safe, but because God was.

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2 THESSALONIANS 3:16

“Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all.”

Always in every way — not some peace in some situations. The Lord of peace Himself is the source. You do not manufacture it; you receive it from a Person.

PEACE THROUGH PRAYER AND SURRENDER

Peace Through Prayer and Surrender

When God becomes your first conversation, not your last resort.

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ROMANS 8:6

“For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”

Peace is a byproduct of where your mind is set. A mind fixed on the flesh — on fear, on self-protection, on the relentless demands of the ego — produces death. A mind set on the Spirit produces life and peace. The battle for peace is largely a battle for your thoughts.

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PHILIPPIANS 4:6

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.”

Be anxious for nothing is not a command to suppress worry. It is a redirection: take that energy and bring it to God in prayer. The thanksgiving is crucial — it reorients the heart from scarcity to provision before the answer arrives.

1 PETER 5:7

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“Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”

Casting is an active word. You do not drift into peace — you throw your anxiety toward God with deliberate force. The reason you can throw it is the reason it stays thrown: He cares for you. Not your situation. You.

PSALM 55:22

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“Cast your burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.”

The burden is real. God does not deny that. He simply says: give it to Me. And the promise is not that the burden disappears immediately — it is that you will be sustained while He carries it.

MATTHEW 11:29

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“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Rest for your souls — not your schedule, not your circumstances. Soul-rest is the deepest peace there is. And it comes through learning from Jesus: His gentleness, His lowliness, His unhurried trust in the Father.

GOD’S PEACE AS A BLESSING AND A PROMISE

God’s Peace as a Blessing and a Promise

What God declares over you before you have done anything to deserve it.

NUMBERS 6:24–26

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“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.”

This is the oldest recorded blessing in Scripture — three thousand years of God’s people have spoken these words over one another. The final word of the blessing is peace. Shalom. It is God’s last word over His people.

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PSALM 85:8

“I will hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people and to His saints.”

He will speak peace — not whisper it, not hint at it. God addresses His people with peace as His message. The discipline of listening — of quieting yourself long enough to hear — is where peace is found.

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HAGGAI 2:9

“‘The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,’ says the Lord of hosts. ‘And in this place I will give peace.’”

Spoken to a discouraged people rebuilding from rubble, comparing their modest work to Solomon’s glory. God’s response is not comparison — it is promise. In this place. In the ordinary, unglamorous place of faithful obedience, He gives peace.

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ISAIAH 54:10

“‘For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,’ says the Lord, who has mercy on you.”

Covenant of peace — shalom as an agreement, not a mood. God’s peace toward you is not conditional on your performance. It is covenantal. The mountains may move. This does not.

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EZEKIEL 37:26

“Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore.”

Everlasting. The peace God has made available through Christ is not temporary or provisional. It stretches beyond time. You are not borrowing peace — you are being established in it.

PEACE AND HOPE: INSEPARABLE

Peace and Hope: Inseparable

Where peace takes root, hope always follows.

ROMANS 15:13

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Peace and hope are neighbors here. Where peace increases, hope follows. And both are fueled by belief — not positive thinking, but faith directed at the God who has proven Himself faithful. The Holy Spirit is the engine of this abundance.

ISAIAH 32:17

“The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.”

Peace is not the starting point here — it is the fruit of righteousness. When your life is oriented toward God’s ways, peace becomes the natural byproduct. Quietness and assurance: these are the textures of a life well-rooted.

PSALM 119:165

“Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble.”

Great peace — not adequate peace, not occasional peace. The love of God’s word produces stability. The person anchored in Scripture is not unaffected by life’s blows, but they are not undone by them.

PROVERBS 12:20

“Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but counselors of peace have joy.”

Peace and joy travel together. The one who pursues peace — who works toward reconciliation and wholeness rather than division — finds joy as a companion. Peacemaking is not self-sacrifice without reward. It has its own deep gladness.

PSALM 37:11

“But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.”

Abundance of peace — more than enough. The meek do not claw and compete for their share. They wait, they trust, and they inherit. Jesus echoes this in the Beatitudes. The posture of humility and trust is exactly the posture from which peace flows.

Jesus: The Prince of Peace

He does not merely bring peace. It is who He is.

ISAIAH 9:6

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Prince of Peace — not promoter of peace, not teacher of peace. Prince. Peace is His domain, His title, His nature. When you come to Jesus, you are coming to the one Person in the universe whose very name is Peace.

LUKE 2:14

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

The announcement of the incarnation is wrapped in the language of peace. Heaven could not announce the arrival of Jesus without announcing peace. They are inseparable. The birth of Christ is the arrival of shalom into a broken world.

EPHESIANS 2:14

“For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation.”

He Himself is our peace. Not He gives peace. Not He teaches peace. He is it. The wall between Jew and Gentile, the wall between humanity and God — both demolished at the cross. Peace is a person, and His name is Jesus.

HEBREWS 13:20–21

“Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead... make you complete in every good work to do His will.”

The God of peace raised Jesus from the dead. The resurrection is a peace event — the final word that hostility, death, and separation do not win. The same God who raised Him is at work making you complete.

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ROMANS 16:20

“And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.”

The God of peace — crushing. These do not sound like they belong in the same sentence. But this is the gospel: peace is not the absence of opposition. It is the certainty of victory. The enemy that steals your peace has already been defeated.

PEACE THROUGH STILLNESS AND TRUST

Peace Through Stillness and Trust

The discipline of letting God be God.

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PSALM 46:10

“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

Be still is not a suggestion for introverts. It is a command to every anxious, striving, spinning heart: stop. Stop managing, stop controlling, stop trying to fix what only God can fix. In the stillness, He makes Himself known. The knowing is where peace lives.

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ISAIAH 30:15

“In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength.”

Quietness and confidence — these are the posture of peace. Not silence and passivity, but a deep inner settledness that does not need to shout or scramble. It is the strength of someone who knows who holds tomorrow.

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PSALM 23:2

“He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.”

Still waters — not raging rivers. The shepherd does not push the sheep into turbulent places and demand they keep up. He leads. And He leads toward stillness. Sometimes God’s greatest gift is forcing you to slow down.

LAMENTATIONS 3:26

“It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.”

Quiet waiting is not passive resignation. It is active trust — the soul that has decided God is enough, that His timing is right, and that silence is not absence. Jeremiah learned this in the rubble. It is hard-won wisdom.

ZEPHANIAH 3:17

“The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”

He will quiet you with His love. Not scold you into peace, not demand you calm down. He quiets you — the way a parent stills a frightened child — by the overwhelming weight of His love. You are sung over. Rest in that.

PEACE AS THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Peace as the Fruit of the Spirit

What grows in the soul that stays close to God.

GALATIANS 5:22

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.”

Peace is fruit, not a discipline. You do not manufacture it through sheer willpower. It grows naturally when the Spirit has room to work in you. The question is not how hard are you trying to be peaceful — it is how surrendered are you to the Spirit.

ROMANS 14:17

“For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

The kingdom of God is characterized by peace. This is its atmosphere, its culture, its currency. Where the kingdom comes, peace comes with it — not as a secondary benefit, but as a defining mark.

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ROMANS 15:33

“Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.”

Five simple words at the close of a long letter. Paul signs off not with instructions but with blessing. The God of peace be with you. Not peace as a concept but a Person — present, near, accompanying.

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1 THESSALONIANS 5:23

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

The God of peace is also the God who sanctifies — who makes you whole. Peace and wholeness travel together in Scripture. Shalom was never just the absence of conflict. It is completeness, integration, nothing missing.

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2 CORINTHIANS 13:11

“Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”

Live in peace is a communal command — addressed not to an individual but to a church. Peace between people is not accidental. It is chosen, tended, and pursued. And the God of love and peace meets us in that pursuit.

PEACE WITH OTHERS: THE HARD WORK OF RECONCILIATION

Peace With Others: The Hard Work of Reconciliation

Peace between people is never accidental. It is always chosen.

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PSALM 34:14

“Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.”

Pursue it — not wait for it. Peace with others rarely lands in your lap. It requires movement toward the other person, toward God, away from what feeds conflict. The posture of peace is active, not passive.

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ROMANS 12:18

“If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.”

As much as depends on you. Paul is honest: you cannot control the other person. You cannot guarantee peace. But you can control your side. Your posture, your words, your willingness. That is your responsibility. Give it everything.

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HEBREWS 12:14

“Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.”

Pursue peace — the same verb as Psalm 34. Chase it. Run after it. It does not always come to you. Holiness and peacemaking are linked here — you cannot claim to be seeking God while leaving a trail of broken relationships you refuse to repair.

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JAMES 3:18

“Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”

Righteousness is sown in peace. The conditions in which good fruit grows are peaceful ones. Conflict, bitterness, and strife are hostile soil. The peacemaker creates the very environment in which righteous things can take root and grow.

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PROVERBS 16:7

“When a man’s ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.”

This is a remarkable promise. When your life is oriented toward God, He handles the relational landscape in ways you could not manage yourself. Your job is faithfulness. His job includes your enemies. Trust the division of labor.

PEACE IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

Peace in the Promises of God

What God pledges to His people across every season of life.

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ISAIAH 48:18

“Oh, that you had heeded My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea.”

Peace like a river — continuous, steady, always moving, always replenished. God is not withholding peace as punishment. He is showing us the connection: obedience and peace are inseparable. The river flows when the channel is clear.

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ISAIAH 57:2

“He shall enter into peace; they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.”

Rest in their beds — the peace of God extends even to death. For those who walk uprightly, the final passage is not terror. It is rest. The one who has known God’s peace in life enters it fully at life’s end.

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JEREMIAH 29:11

“‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans for peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.’”

Written to exiles in Babylon — people who had lost everything. The plans God declares are plans for shalom: wholeness, welfare, a future. Even in exile. Even when everything is stripped away. His intentions toward you are peaceable.

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2 PETER 1:2

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.”

Multiplied — not rationed, not trickled. Peace that multiplies as you grow in the knowledge of God. The more clearly you see who He is, the more peace expands in you. Knowing God is both the path to peace and its daily fuel.

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REVELATION 1:4

“Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come.”

From the eternal God — the One who exists outside of time — comes peace into time. He is not surprised by your present. He is not anxious about your future. His peace flows from an eternal perspective that holds all your days at once.

THE PEACE OF THE RESURRECTION

The Peace of the Resurrection

The risen Christ speaks peace before He says anything else.

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JOHN 20:19

“Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’”

The first word of the risen Christ to His terrified disciples is peace. Not rebuke, not instruction, not explanation. Peace. He walks through locked doors and speaks peace into a room full of fear. He still does.

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JOHN 20:21

“So Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.’”

He says it twice. Peace be with you, then: I send you. The peace He gives is not a retreat from the world — it is the foundation from which you engage it. Sent people are peaceful people. Anxiety-driven mission crumbles. Peace-rooted mission endures.

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LUKE 24:36

“Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, ‘Peace to you.’”

Again, the risen Lord appears and speaks peace. He seems to understand that resurrection is overwhelming — that even good news can unsettle. So He does not wait for them to compose themselves. He brings peace to the uncomposed.

Fifty-three witnesses across two testaments — kings, prophets, apostles, and the risen Christ Himself — all pointing to the same Person and the same promise:

The peace of God is not a feeling you work up. It is a gift you receive, a Person you know, and a promise that outlasts every storm you will ever face.

You do not have to understand it to receive it. You only have to open your hands.

A CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, I have read Your words about peace.

Now let them read me.

*Find the places in me that are still striving,
still afraid, still fighting for control.*

Speak into those places.

Be in those places.

You are the Prince of Peace.

And so — I am Yours.

Amen.

* Peace I leave with you — My peace I give to you *