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Dear Friends in Christ:

Praise the name of Jesus who is our Peace.

In a world where there is very little peace it is a wonderful thing to know the one who, not only provides peace, but who, Is our Peace.

There are many parts to this thing called peace. My first experience with peace was the day I accepted Jesus as my savior and was born from above. No one would have been able to describe to me what peace was or what it would feel like to experience it. Peace really starts at the time we get right with God through Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1 "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,"

Ephesians 1:2 "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

The real basis of peace is in the fact that God is in charge and in control. We receive that peace when we recognize and surrender to His control.

2 Peter 1:2 "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,"

The greater the knowledge of God and what He has accomplished for us through Jesus Christ, the greater the peace. It begins to be multiplied to us.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 "Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all."

God has provided peace always and for all time and it works in every situation of our lives. You will never experience or be faced with anything outside the realm of God's peace.

Philippians 4:6, 7 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Another aspect of peace is wholeness. When everything fits together the way God intended there is perfect peace. When sin comes in things begin to be ripped apart and the peace is lost. The only to get it back is to allow God to put it back together in the right order.

Colossians 1:19-20 "For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross."

When it comes to making decisions we first have to seek God and find how things are to work. This is called Wisdom, and like Peace it comes from above.

James 3:17 "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then PEACEABLE, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy."

Once we have this wisdom that is from above and the peace that it produces we can make good decisions with confidence. If we should start to make a bad decision then the peace leaves us, and then we know to stop and further seek wisdom. Thus the peace of God is able to rule in our hearts.

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."

As God imparts His Spirit to us we begin to experience more and more of His peace.

Galatians 5:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,"

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."

Thanks again for your love, thoughts, prayers and support. May the Lord Bless you with His richest blessings and guide you into His perfect will.

Yours in Christ, ><>wayne<><