



# Whom Shall I Be Afraid Peace In Christ

Psalm 27

# Peace On Earth? (Luke 2:14)



- The world often is not a peaceful place
- The heart often is not a peaceful place either
- How do we find peace in these troublesome times?
- (John 14:27) Jesus is the answer, no doubt. He is the prince of peace after all (Isa. 9:6)
- But how should we have such peace in Christ?  
Here are the 5 steps:

# 1. Confident

- (Psalm 27:1-3) Are you confident in who God is? Do you **really know** Him?
- “The Lord is” David was clearly confident in who God is...but why?
- (v.3) where such confidence comes from? Both intellectually and emotionally, David KNOWS God
- (ill: a rumour of a friend) You can have confidence because you REALLY know...and have peace.



FAITH IS DELIBERATE  
CONFIDENCE IN GOD  
*lived out one little step at a time.*

## 2. Dwell

- In order to have God's peace, knowing alone is not enough, we also must **dwell** in presence of God. But what does it mean?
  1. **Seek**—to seek after God requires effort and commitment (both time and energy)
  2. **Gaze**—to set our attention and focus on the **beauty** of God (Psalm 90:17)

Question: Do you find God to be beautiful? In what way do you think He is beautiful?

3. **Inquire**—relying on God and His direction
4. (v.5) Moreover, it is to let God to **conceal** us, trusting in His protection
5. (v.6) There is peace in singing **praise** in God's presence, to express our adoration (Col. 3:16)



### 3. Cry (Phil. 4:6-7)

- (v.7) of course God hears our prayer and **answers** them in His time. This is the crucial step in enjoying God's peace (1 John 5:14-15)
- More than Crying to God, notice that the psalmist did not only want God's protection or blessings, rather he wants to **see** God
- Often we seek after God's **stuff** instead of God
- (v.9) peace comes as David remembered how God has answered his prayers in the past



## 4. Lead



- “Teach me your ways” (Prov. 3:5-6) how do we acknowledge God? By willing to let God lead and humbly learn from God, knowing we don’t have the answer...but God does
- Sadly we often conscious of our enemies & avoid them, instead of conscious of God’s path
- (v.13) do we actually believe that God is **good** and His **path** for us is also good? (Jer. 29:11)
- (ill: Jericho) There is no lack of **enemies** on the path God has led us into, but He is with us (Jos. 1:9)

## 5. Wait

- (Lam 3:26) patience is not an easy lesson. God works in **His** time. Sometimes we wait for 3 days, other times we wait for 3 years.
- We can either wait in the presence of God and in the knowledge of God, i.e. we have peace while we wait on God. Thankfully we don't need to wait for peace itself (Phil. 4:6-7)
- What is the alternative? There is **none**





## Conclusion—the Steps to Peace

- 1. CONFIDENCE** in God—do you know Him?
- 2. DWELL** in the presence of God—where are you?
- 3. CRY** out to God—do you seek God or His stuff?
4. Let God **LEAD** us on His path—what you are focusing on?
- 5. WAIT** on the Lord—do you want to peace of God?

peace that surpass all understanding

Peace that the world cannot give—is in Jesus