

The Gift of Peace

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When the Bible speaks of "the peace of God" that can guard our hearts and minds, this is much more than the absence of noise or busyness. God's peace—shalom—gives assurance that all is right in your soul, even if you can't resolve all the issues affecting you or predict the outcome of anything at this point. God's peace provides the assurance that God is still in control.

How do we find this peace? The apostle Paul encourages followers of Christ to look above and beyond the problem: to simply pray about everything, thanking God for listening and answering according to his perfect will. We can then set our minds on the blessings around us—whatever is true, right, pure, lovely—and we can let go of our worries.

This month's focus:

God gives me peace

Do not be anxious about anything, 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 your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4: 6-7

Christmas Hampers

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