

## How to Make Peace With God

*(Why Easter can't be ignored)*  
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“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’” (John 11:25-26 NIV)

### 3 Perspectives About Peace

#### There is peace **with God**.

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.” (Romans 5:1-2 NIV)

#### There is the peace **of God**.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Phil 4:6-7 NIV)

#### They aren't **owed** & can't be **earned**.

### 5 Steps Down the Path to Peace

#### Step 1: accept your **guilt**.

“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by . . . .” (Rom 3.23-24 NIV)

#### Step 2: acknowledge the **consequences**.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Rom 6:23 NLT)

#### Step 3: Get in the **way**.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” (John 4:1-6 NIV)

#### Step 4: Confirm your **standing**.

“His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins. Therefore, my brothers, **be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure**. For if you do these things, you will never fall...” (1 Peter 3 NIV)

#### Step 5: Be who **you are** & do what **you do**.

“This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.” (1 John 3:10 NIV)