

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”

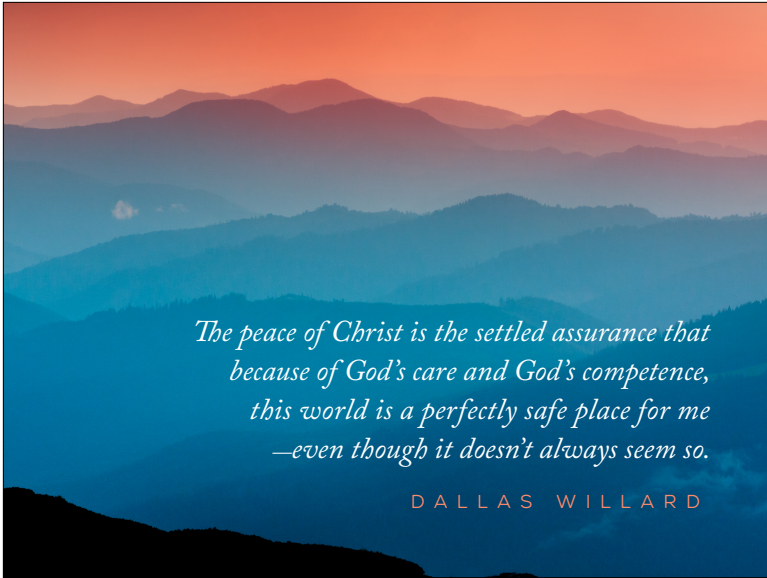
COLOSSIANS 3:15

“RULE”

an umpire who makes the final call in a contest.

AS A DISCIPLE...

I must allow Christ's peace to referee my reactions and responses to life!



The peace of Christ is the settled assurance that because of God's care and God's competence, this world is a perfectly safe place for me—even though it doesn't always seem so.

DALLAS WILLARD

“What can separate us from the love—the care and competence—of Christ?”

ROMANS 8:35

“Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in Scripture.”

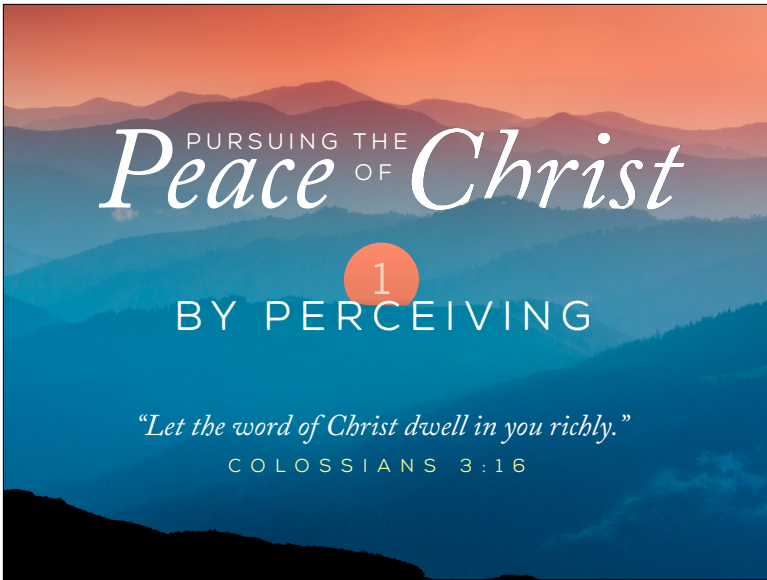
ROMANS 8:35B, MSG

We know all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans.

ROMANS 8:28, TLB



*The disciples had peace with Christ
but not the peace of Christ.*

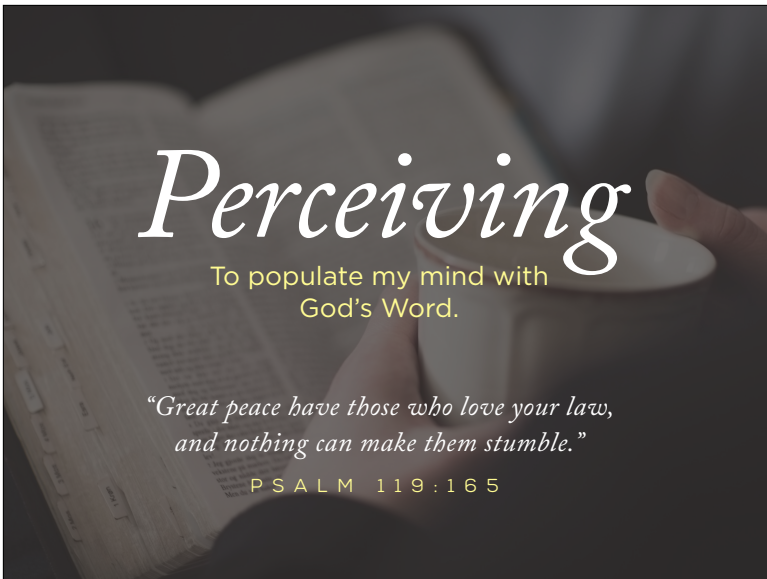


PURSUING THE *Peace* OF *Christ*

1

BY PERCEIVING

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly."
COLOSSIANS 3:16



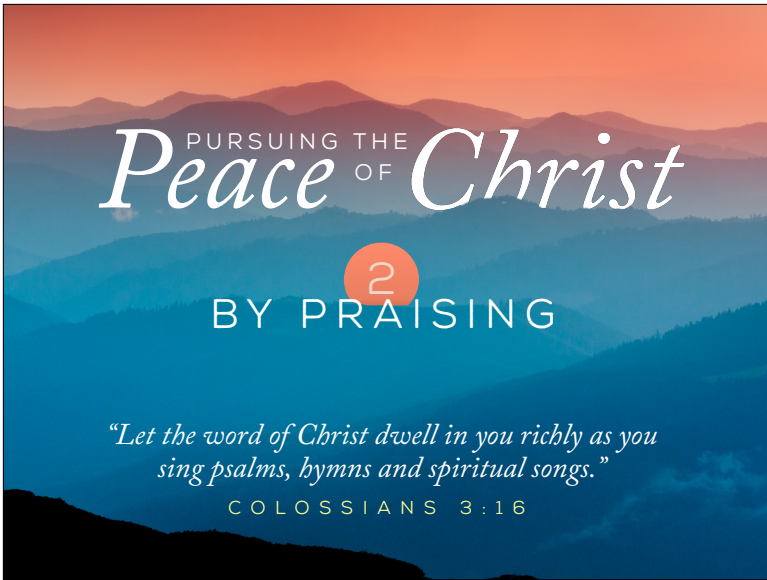
Perceiving
To populate my mind with
God's Word.

*"Great peace have those who love your law,
and nothing can make them stumble."*
PSALM 119:165



"Those who trust in the Lord, whose thoughts are fixed on him, are kept in perfect peace!"

ISAIAH 26:3



PURSUING THE
Peace OF *Christ*

2
BY PRAISING

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs."

COLOSSIANS 3:16



Praising!

Praise reveals God's presence, which always releases God's power and provision, resulting in God's peace for my life.

PURSUING THE
Peace OF *Christ*

3
BY PERFORMING

*“Whatever you do, whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name of the Lord.”*

COLOSSIANS 3:17

Performing

Practicing the presence of God:
To go about my day—even my
ordinary moments—by including
God in what I am doing.

PURSUING THE
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4
BY PRAYING

“And be thankful...with gratitude in your hearts.”

COLOSSIANS 3:15-16



Praying

Thanksgiving is simply the prayerful practice of reflecting back to God an acknowledgment of his caring and competent involvement in my life.

“Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your needs to God. Then, because you belong to Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can really explain. And this peace will control the way you think and feel.”

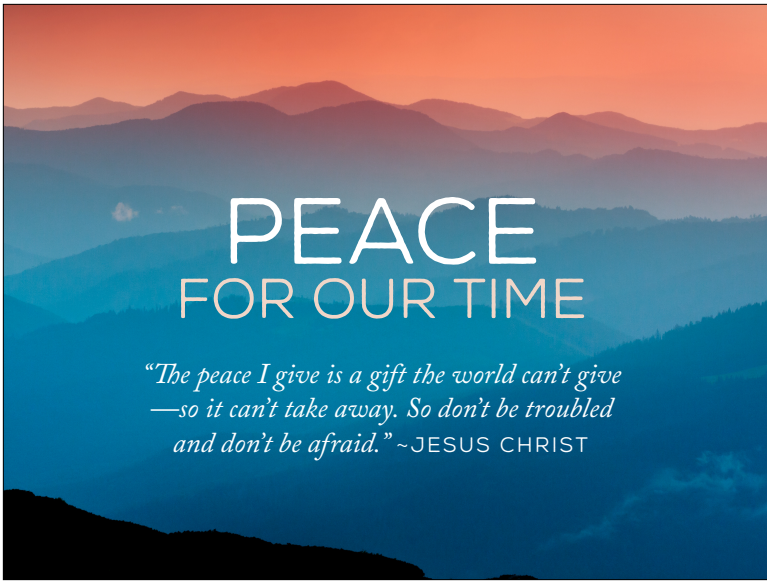
PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7, CEV



There **is** peace!

It became possible the day Christ rose from the dead.

The power of God that emptied the tomb has made it possible for the peace of Christ to empty my heart from fear, anxiety and stress.



PEACE FOR OUR TIME

*"The peace I give is a gift the world can't give
—so it can't take away. So don't be troubled
and don't be afraid."* ~JESUS CHRIST



WHEN I AM CONVINCED OF
GOD'S CARE AND
COMPETENCE, THIS WORLD
WILL BE A PERFECTLY SAFE
PLACE FOR ME—EVEN IN THE
MIDST OF THE STORM.



JOHN 14
PEACE
FOR OUR TIME
