



**You Can
Have Peace!**

The Search

Do you have peace of heart and mind? Or are you restless, fearful, often upset, frequently plagued by an inward nagging that won't go away? Do you find yourself trying to achieve peace by occupying your mind with work, sports, entertainment and other diversions? Have you tried to find peace through alcohol or drugs? Have you discovered that none of these things brings real and lasting peace?

The Cause

Do you want to know what is causing this lack of peace? It is sin! That's right – sin, which is breaking God's law and ignoring His desires for you.

Let's take a look at who sins. According to the Bible, "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Does that include you and me? Of course it does, whether we believe it or not.

If you want further proof, the Bible goes on to say that your conscience also accuses you (Romans 2:15). Have your thoughts

ever bothered you when you've done something wrong? Don't try to get rid of those thoughts, because that's your conscience speaking. God has given it to you to convince you that you are a sinner, and to bring you to Him. A troubled conscience is proof that sin is present. It is God saying, "There is no peace ... for the wicked" (Isaiah 57:21).

The Cure

Can we get lasting peace through our own efforts? No. The only way is by admitting our sins to God and believing that He can forgive us, and give us peace through His Son, Jesus Christ: "Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

Why can't we do what's necessary to get this peace ourselves? The Bible says we have no power. But it also says that He loves us so much that He sent His Son to do it for us: "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

The Way

Do you want lasting peace? It can only come from God. You can have it right now, by putting your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and by believing in your heart that He will save you: “If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved ... for whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:9,13).

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