

PEACE OF MIND

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True peace of mind is the most elusive condition on the planet. Our materialistic world has disregarded true and lasting values and headed down the one way street of natural fulfillment. The focus on accruing assets, life skills, education, travel, the body beautiful and individualism (good feelings), is proving to be a disaster for everyone. World peace is impossible and so is true peace of mind. No one seems to want to address the real issues that affect all humanity. True peace of mind comes from self disciplines, not from natural experiences nor gains. The real problem: the elephant in the room, is the certainty of physical death and the inability to offer a solution which pleases the materialistic heart... there is none. How can you find peace of mind if your mind is facing certain extinction? Despite the corruptions of modern thinking, the bible offers a lot more than religion and tradition, relating to true and lasting peace.

Firstly, a few uncomfortable realities that are scriptural truths. 1PET 1:24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: Life is far too short and physically unavoidable. Also, the accrual of material gains or natural wisdom is always temporary. **ECC 5:10** He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity. Self awareness and natural gains, never provide lasting peace... death is always waiting.

Just as sure as mankind cannot escape death, the world cannot escape what is coming upon it. 2PET 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. The earth is going to end one day anyway, but it won't be because of natural wear and tear. The earth will end due to human stupidity and selective ignorance. People are willingly blind to so much.

The Word of God is hated by so many (like modern day Christians), because facing reality hurts. 1THE 5:3 For when they shall say, **Peace and safety** (with continuing terrorism and wars, this world is not safe by any measure); then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. Despite all the glitz and glamour, despite technology and social enlightenment... this world is still a place of horrors than will never get any better. God reveals why natural life is futile... there will never be lasting peace from the government of human enterprise. It will all end in a spectacular and terrifying fashion.

Even Jesus knew that his message of peace and safety would only lead to bitter rejection and hostility. MAT 10:34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. **35** For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. **36** And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. People only want peace of mind under their own terms, but this has always failed for thousands of years. The ego is a huge hurdle that humans cannot master... even to the point of destroying their own families if it suits them.

**Outside of the bible, what options are available for those seeking peace? No other book or religion offers any proof outside of the bible, where the promise of true Christian conversion based on signs and evidence is promised. Everything else is opinions and theory... with no evidence offered at all. The best this world offers is R.I.P on your headstone... the mysterious hope that your death will be more pleasant than your life???*

Effective peace of mind for all individuals is conditional upon a practicing awareness of God's Word. MAR 16:15 And he said unto them, **Go ye** into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **&20** And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. We have been called first of all to preach the gospel in the many and differing ways that are available to us with our abilities. We have not been called to use God's powers to give us a better and more prosperous life... that is of secondary concern. Serving God as a first priority must occur, or we will struggle.

While we wait for the Lord's return, we have Peace that passes all natural reasoning. PHI 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. If your life as a Christian is not filled with peace and blessing, then you are your own problem... walk in the spirit... put God first and continue in doing this and the peace you seek will follow. **7** And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Offer loyalty to the fellowship and God's family... don't wait for them, it is up to you. After all it is your peace of mind that is affects your attitude more than any other input... **JOH 16:33** These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. Don't confuse your fellowship with your problems. Only the spiritual offers true peace.