

## Won't You Be My Neighbor

### *The Gift of Peace*

John 14:27

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*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23, NIV)*

**God's Definition:** Peace is holistic, complete, and it **TRANSCENDS** all human understanding.

**Principle One:** Peace **STARTS WITH GOD.**

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives..."  
(John 14:27, NIV)*

### THREE STEPS TO PEACE

1. 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 boast in the hope of the glory of God." (Romans 5:1-2, NIV)*

**Principle Two:** Peace is spiritual harmony and wholeness brought about by a person's **RESTORATION WITH GOD.**

2. Peace with **OURSELVES.**

*"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace."  
(Colossians 3:15, NIV)*

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, 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." (Philippians 4:6-7, NIV)*

**Principle Three:** If we don't have **PEACE WITH OURSELVES,** we can't let it flow from us to others.

3. Peace with **OTHERS.**

*"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." (Romans 12:18, NIV)*

*"Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other." (Mark 9:50b, NIV)*

**Principle Four:** God doesn't call you to like anyone. He calls you **TO LOVE EVERYONE.**

### WHO DO YOU NEED TO TAKE THE PEACE OF GOD TO?

1. **INITIATE** the conversation.
2. Have **EMPATHY**.
3. Concentrate on the **PERSON** not the **PROBLEM**.
4. Make **PEACE** your aim.

**Action Step:**

**MAKE PEACE WITH A NEIGHBOR THIS WEEK.**