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# The Gift of PEACE

John 14:27





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**John 14:1**

**“Let not your hearts be troubled.  
Believe in God; believe also in me.”**

**John 14:18a**

**I will not leave you as orphans...**

## **John 14:16, 26**

**16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,**

**26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things...**

## John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

***Peace***  
***is essential to everyone***



A serene sunset over a calm sea. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow near the horizon. The water is still, reflecting the colors of the sky. In the foreground, a small white boat with a red interior is floating. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

# Peace

*is the desire of every beating heart*



A silhouette of a cross stands on a dark, rocky hill against a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and wispy clouds, transitioning from a deep blue at the top to a bright yellow near the horizon. The cross is positioned on the left side of the frame, and the text is centered on the right.

The peace that  
Jesus gives is a  
supernatural peace



I am bringing you into my peace

## **Romans 5:1**

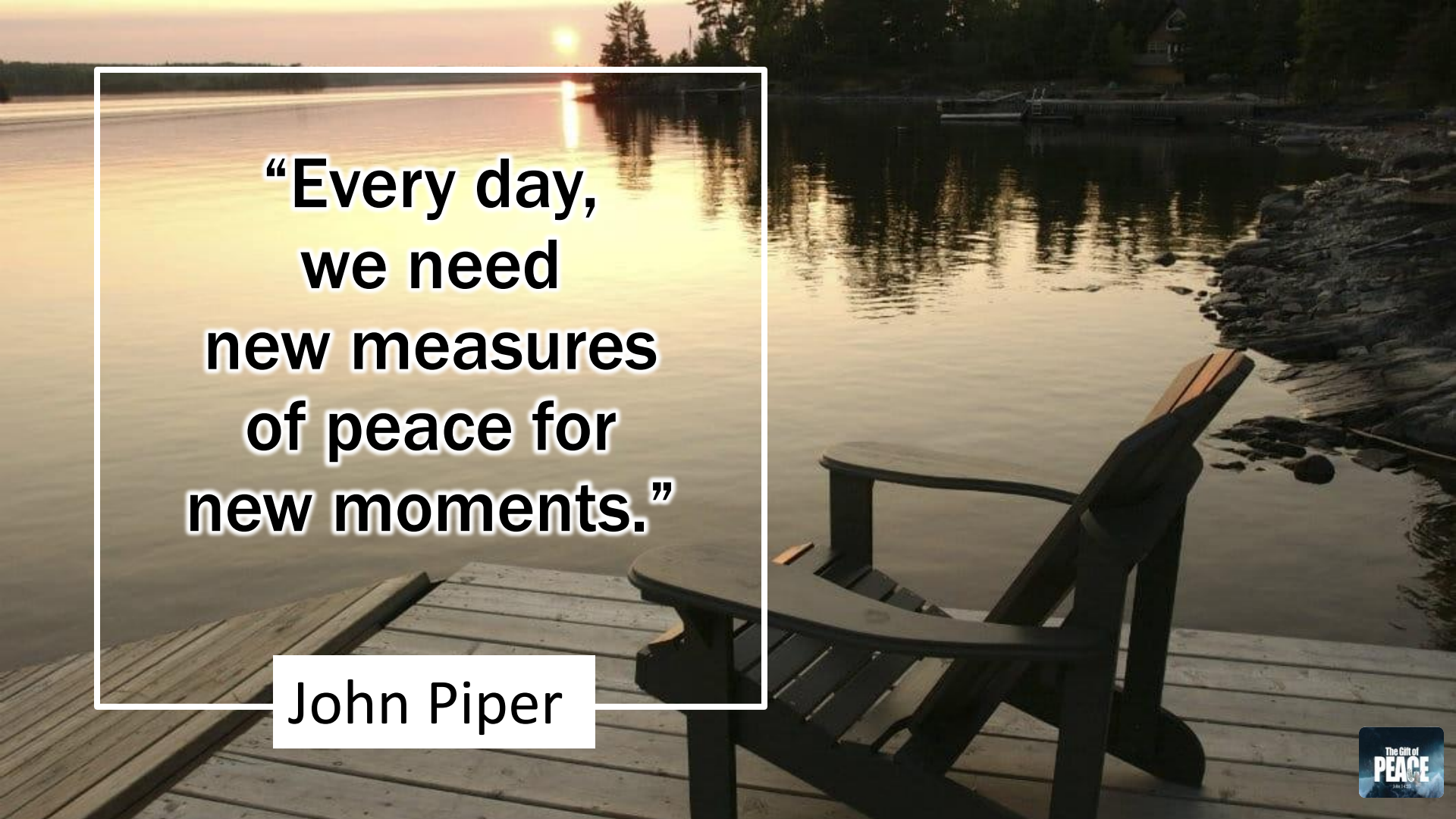
**Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Biblical peace is  
unrelated to  
circumstances**



## 2 Peter 1:2

“May grace and peace be multiplied to you...”

A serene sunset over a lake. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the water. In the foreground, a wooden dock extends into the water, with a dark wooden Adirondack chair sitting on it. The background shows a calm lake reflecting the sunset, with trees and a house visible on the distant shore.

**“Every day,  
we need  
new measures  
of peace for  
new moments.”**

**John Piper**

## Philippians 4:5b-7

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**Prayer  
+  
Thankfulness  
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**If the Lord is near to  
help and strengthen  
us, we don't need to  
be anxious; rather we  
can pray to God  
about everything!**



## 2 practical reminders from Paul:

**1. Do not be anxious about anything.**

**Supernatural peace  
produces  
supernatural calm**



# Philippians

## 4:11-12

(NIV)

“I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.”

**Christian peace**  
**is not the absence of fear,**  
**anxiety or worrying thoughts,**  
**but the presence of God Himself**

**Philippians**

**4:9**

**...and the God of peace will be with you.”**

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1. Do not be anxious about anything.
- 2. Pray and pray**



**Colossians**

**4:2**

**Continue steadfastly in prayer,  
being watchful in it with thanksgiving.**

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4. Persistence in prayer enables us to weed out improper petitions.



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5. Endurance at the throne of grace purifies the content of our petitions.



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**John**  
**16:33**

**I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.**

**John**  
**14:27**

**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.**

**Isaiah**  
**9:6**

**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**