

Our God is the God of _____ (Phil 4:9). In Hebrew, that word is _____ and it's rooted in the ancient idea of _____, wholeness, and fullness.

The testimony of the Bible is that _____ God there is "_____ peace" (Isa 26:3-4, *shalom shalom*). But *shalom* was broken (and continues to be broken) by _____ (Isa 48:22; 59:1-2) and ever since, humans have sought and longed for and chased a sense of peace (Ecclesiastes) with…

- Identity and _____
- The _____, present, and future
- _____ human beings
- _____

Peace that "surpasses _____ understanding" (Phil 4:7) is extended to us in Christ, the _____ of Peace (Isa 9:6; Luke 2:13-14; Isa 53:5; John 14:27). His disciples are called to live as people whose hearts and minds are guarded by that peace.

In Philippians 4:1-9, Paul points disciples toward seven practices that open the door to "perfect peace."

1. Stand _____ in the Lord (4:1)
2. _____ in the Lord (4:2-3)
   - Labor side by side in the gospel _____
   - Live as someone (Eph 4:25-32; 2 Cor 11:3; 12:20; 1 Tim 5:13) whose name is in the _____ of life (Rev 3:5; 20:12, 15; 21:27)
3. _____ in the Lord (4:4)
4. _____ yourself in the Lord (4:5a)
5. _____ to the Lord (4:5b-7)
6. _____ about, talk about, be about the things of the Lord (4:8)
7. _____ the things of the Lord, trust that the God of peace will be _____ you (4:9), and experience the joy of "perfect peace."

Peace isn't simply the _____ of conflict or trouble. Peace _____ being in harmony with God. Practicing what we've learned, received, heard, and seen in God and his people provides joy for the journey.