

Monday 8th May 2023
Isaiah Ch 1 v 18

“Come now, let us settle the matter,”
says the Lord.

“Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.

Several years ago a father who had become estranged from his son, spent several months looking for him without success. In a desperate effort to find him he placed a full page advert in a city newspaper. It read Dear Paco meet me in front of this newspaper office at noon on Saturday. You are forgiven. I love you, your father.

On the Saturday 800 different young men named Paco turned up, all seeking forgiveness and love from their fathers.

Just proving a message of love and forgiveness can go a long way. The same message we receive from God on an ongoing basis.

Tuesday 9th May 2023
Isaiah Ch 26 v 12

Lord, you establish peace for us;
all that we have accomplished you have done for us.

A study undertaken by an American university found several factors were found to contribute to ‘peace of mind’.

Avoiding self pity

Accepting challenges in life and

Having a belief in something larger than oneself all contributed.

Not surprisingly these findings support God’s recipe for his peace.

Regardless of what circumstances or habits are waging war on our inner peace right now, God can give us the grace to live in peace.

Wednesday 10th May 2023
Phillippians Ch 1 v 21

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Words written by Paul at a time when he was in a prison cell facing death. Known as the 'epistle of joy' Paul was secure in the knowledge of God's everlasting love and the certainty of everlasting life. He was truly at peace with God.

Thursday 11th May 2023

Colossians Ch 3 v 15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Many people sabotage the blessings in their life because of an awful attitude. Constantly dissatisfied and disappointed they share their feelings with anyone who will listen. This despite the gifts from God and others all around them. We can all find something to be thankful for. We should all remember to say thank you to God on a daily basis.

Friday 12th May 2023
Romans Ch 12 v 11-12

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

This is a clear message for us to pay attention to.....God may not grant our every wish and everything our heart desires exactly when we want it, however we can experience patience, joy, kindness, self control if we truly rely on him.

We may not have everything we wish for right now, but it gives us something to hope for!

Saturday 13th May 2023

Psalm 85 v 8

I will listen to what God the Lord says;
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—
but let them not turn to folly.

God speaks to his faithful people,
we should listen,
we should also talk to him,
we should worship him,
we should thank him,
we should realise he is with us at all times.
Living closely with him we are promised his peace.