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Greetings!

Karyn and I so appreciate you clicking this weeks SelahGram.

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Peace! Be Still.



As I've never seen before, our culture, our nation, our world is void of peace. The Bible (and certainly the NT and Gospels) is filled with hundreds of vss about peace such as 'be at peace', 'go in peace', 'grace & peace be with you', 'the gospel of peace', 'the God of peace' and 'peace to this house'. Though peace was a vital theme in Jesus' message, today however it's seen as little more than a common greeting, salutation or farewell. Our culture today, amidst unparalleled political, financial and social turmoil is engulfed in anxiety, fear, worry, frustration, impatience, etc..., all of which is a cry for peace, true peace. Peace is not just a saying or a catchword; it is a powerful spiritual force! Jesus' birth was announced with this declaration: "*Glory to God and **peace** on earth!*" (a perfect vertical/horizontal image). His ministry was all about it: "*these things I've spoken that you might have **peace***" and "*He came preaching **peace**...*": "*the gospel of **peace***". "*The kingdom of God is not food and drink but... **peace**...*" It was much more than just a kind thought, when Jesus repeatedly said, "***Peace** be with you,*" He understood that "*the fruit of the Spirit is... **peace**,*" a vital spiritual strength. **He is our peace** and in our world today, we desperately need peace! Note Jesus' departing proclamation: *Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the*

My Prayer...

I pray that you as a believer would: "*Seek peace and pursue it*" (1Pe 3:11), "*pursue the things that make for peace*"(Rm 14:19), "*pursue peace with all people ... without which no one will see the Lord*"(Heb 12:14 NKJV) and "*now may the Lord of peace Himself give you His peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all.*" (2Th 3:16 NLT)

P.S.... What's the secret to this peace?

Act 9:31 NLT *The church then had peace throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria, and it became stronger as the believers lived in **the fear of the Lord**. And ... it also grew in numbers. This is a **worship** discussion. "Go in peace. The presence of the LORD be*

world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.] (Jn 14:27 AMP)



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