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### Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

*<sup>22</sup>“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!”*

“The singular ‘harvest’ [of the Fruit of the Spirit] shows that the nine graces mentioned are not, so to say, different jewels; rather, they are different facets of the same jewel which cohere and show forth their luster simultaneously.” - Dr. Ronald Y K Fung

- Peace is not the result of the absence of conflict, but of the wholeness brought by the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross.

## Philippians 4:4-9 (NIV)

<sup>4</sup> “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from Me, or seen in Me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”

“Peace comes because prayer is an expression of trust, and God’s people do not need to have it all figured out in order to trust Him!”  
- Gordon D. Fee

- We can experience and manifest God’s       peace      , even when it feels like everything is falling apart, because the God of peace       is             with             us      .

What is your need?

Expressions of Thanksgiving