

you accepted His invitation? As many as believe in Him³ and call upon His name will be saved.⁴

Do you desire peace? Do you want Someone greater than yourself to come to your aid such as Jesus and make your burdens light? Then just call upon Him. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins and come into your life and save you. He will, and the peace will begin.

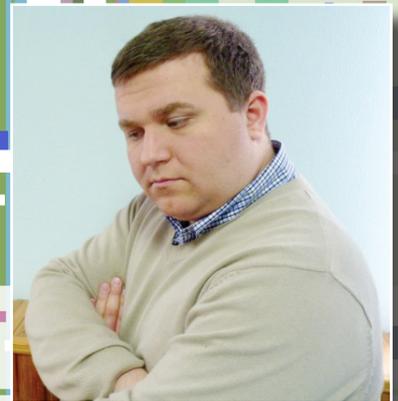
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¹Matthew 11:28-30; ²Matthew 10:31;

³John 1:12; ⁴Romans 10:13 (NASB)



I Just Want Peace!



We live in a world that is anything but peaceful. We continually hear about such things as world economic problems, corruption, extortion, natural disasters, murders, wars, etc., and the list goes on.

When we face such news on a daily basis along with all of the other struggles of life, things can look very bleak. Losing a job, not being able to earn enough money to pay the bills and feed one's family, car repairs, gas and other prices rising! Where can a person turn? Maybe you would like to flee their current situation, find a nice deserted tropical island somewhere and live out the rest of your days there.

But is a deserted, tropical paradise the answer? In most of those places, though the view may be spectacular, there are spiders, snakes, not much food and sand everywhere. Plus with no cell phone service, TV, or internet connection, life would get boring rather quickly.

So what is the answer to freedom from struggling with anxiety, fear, worry and sleepless nights? Is there a pill a person can take? Probably. But do you want to be medicated the rest of your

life? Probably not. Will isolation from the world help? Maybe, but is that the way you want to live? Probably not.

Though the Bible does not promise a stress-free life, it does tell us not to fear or be dismayed 107 times. Jesus Himself said, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."¹ The promise of Jesus is to replace the heavy burdens of this world which we struggle with such as habitual sin, worry, and fear with His burden which is light in comparison. So instead of trying to do things in our own way and strength, Jesus promises to give us a new way of life that He will teach us. He will give us the help and grace we need. This is why Jesus tells us, "So do not fear."² What a wonderful truth!

Jesus makes this promise to those who desire to be His disciples. "Come to Me," He says. This is an invitation. Those who come to Him will receive His rest for their souls. Do you know Jesus? Have