

## “Enjoy The Season”



By Mrs. Sojourner

The other day I had a conversation with a friend about the changing seasons during which I commented that Fall was not my favorite season. This may be the case, but there are aspects of fall that I do like such as the moderate temperatures, the breezes, the colors of the turning leaves, and the fact that Thanksgiving and Christmas are on the way. Let us consider the spiritual season in which we currently are. This is the season of grace as well as the season of harvest.

<sup>34</sup>“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.” <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, ‘Four months more and then the harvest?’ I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. <sup>36</sup>Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. <sup>37</sup>Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have

reaped the benefits of their labor.” John 4:34-38 (NIV)

Notes:

We are in the harvest season, the time to bring as many people as we can into our Heavenly Father’s kingdom. This time, also known as the season of grace, is a wonderful time when people can be saved from their sin, healed from disease, and delivered from any bonds with which Satan, the enemy, has bound them.

We are privileged to be alive during this time and to be called to help bring in the harvest. Let us enjoy this season we are in, and approach every day with expectation. Enter the day thanking God for the people who will accept salvation, healing, and deliverance this day because they encountered you.

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## “Peace Of Mind” (Teaching Sketch)

Mark 4:35-41 (NIV)



Peace of mind—what a concept. So many people are wishing and searching for peace in their lives but they do not find peace. So who is in charge of peace, anyway? Is there a place where we can buy peace and how much does it cost? No, wait, what is peace? Perhaps this is the question we need to look at first. Really, after all, it would be a good idea to know what peace is.

### Peace Defined

peace n.  
1. The absence of war or other hostilities.  
2. An agreement or a treaty to end hostilities.  
3. Freedom from quarrels and disagreement; harmonious relations: roommates living in peace with each other.  
4. Public security and order: was arrested for disturbing the peace.  
5. Inner contentment; serenity: peace of mind.  
interj. <sup>[1]</sup>

Each of these meanings is accurate in the English lan-

Notes:

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guage of today and very desirable. What was the meaning of peace when the Prophet Isaiah prophesied the Christ was coming? Isaiah called him the “Prince of Peace.” Well now, that is very high up there so it must have been important. When Jesus Christ came and took on the sin of all, he repaired the breach between God and mankind. Let me explain and I’ll come back to the word peace as used in scripture.

### The Breach Of The Peace

When God placed mankind in the Garden East of Eden there was complete harmony with God and mankind. There was marvelous fellowship there. Every need of mankind was met. It was a wonderful place.

Then one day Satan entered into the situation and deceived mankind. That is when sin entered into mankind and there was a separation of man and his unfettered relationship

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## Scripture:

Mark 4:35-41 (NIV)

### Jesus Calms the Storm

<sup>35</sup>That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."<sup>36</sup>Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. <sup>37</sup>A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup>Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

<sup>39</sup>He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" <sup>41</sup>They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

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Mark 4:39

And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, **Peace, be still.** And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

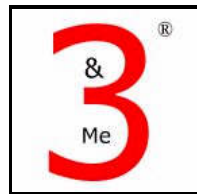
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### Just so you'll know:

**Our service is informal.** We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**



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with God, the Creator. Man began at that time to fall short — miss the mark of the perfection (sin) that had existed there in the Garden.

### Restoration of peace

Now we come back to Isaiah and the "Prince of Peace" he speaks of in Isaiah 9:6

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, <sup>[a]</sup>Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

There it is, "Prince of Peace!" Jesus is the "Prince of Peace" because he restored peace between God and mankind if an individual would accept the restoration. This acceptance by the individual is accomplished by simply accepting Jesus as Lord rather than Satan as Lord. Anyone who would do this would then be accepting or opening up the present—the gift Jesus had given them but they must open the gift—receive Jesus Christ. If a gift is never accepted even though it is theirs, they never receive the benefit of it. God does not

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withhold the gift, but it must be accepted.

### True Peace

The word in Hebrew has multiple meanings, it is shalom—peace but a much deeper meaning than we would think of, it means "nothing missing, nothing broken." Now to those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior there is "nothing missing, nothing broken" as it was in the Garden east of Eden so long ago.

Garden living seems so foreign to us at first because we are accustomed to the rules of the world run by Satan the deceiver. Our spirits are restored, but our souls (minds) take a little longer. Our minds must be renewed. You see our thinking is accustomed to relying only on our senses and the dominating rules of the world. Now the Believer must learn to overcome the gravity of the world and replace it with the freedom of their authority over the world as a part of God's Kingdom of The Blessing. All was originally blessed in the Garden and now all is blessed in The Kingdom of God. There is nothing missing, nothing broken. That takes getting used to.