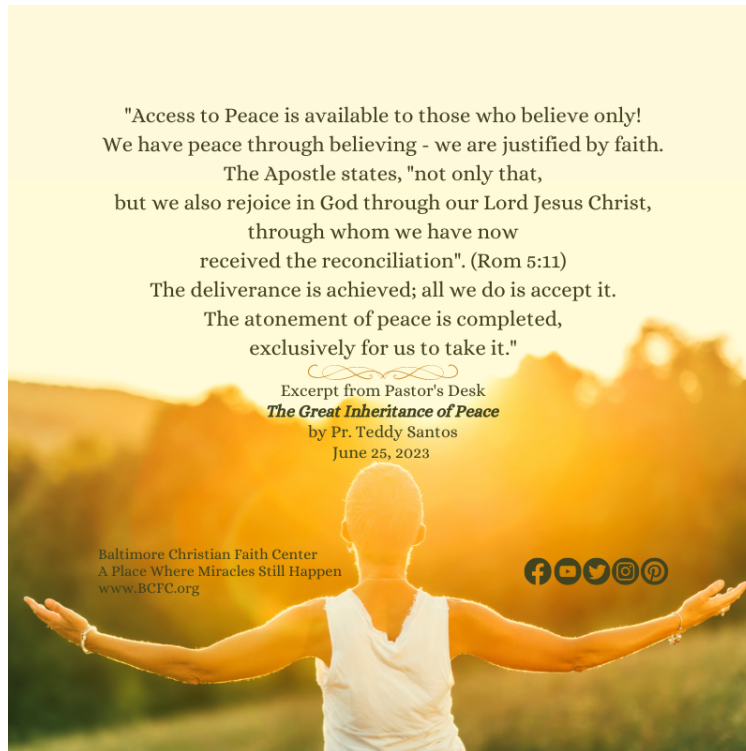


The Great Inheritance of Peace

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Rom 5:1 *"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Col 1:20 *"and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross."*

The grounds of redemption and peace were laid on Calvary when our Lord died for humanity's sins. **Lev 17:11** states, "**For the life of the flesh is in the blood**" from which we can conclude that the shed of Christ's Blood was the forth-pouring of His soul as a sacrifice for sin.

We should never presume that the shedding of the Lord Jesus' blood was required to make God love us. "**God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself.**" (**2Cor 5:19**). The Lord does not love us because His Son died for us - The Lord Jesus went to the Cross because of God's love for you and me, who chose us to be co-heirs with His Son.

There is one requirement to be satisfied, though. Access to Peace is available to those who believe only! We have peace through believing - we are justified by faith. The Apostle states, "not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation" (Rom 5:11). The deliverance is achieved; all we do is accept it. The atonement of peace is completed, exclusively for us to take it.

"...where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom 5:20-21). As we receive this boundless Gift with open and thankful hearts, leaning on the Divine guarantee by faith, we go into the great inheritance of Peace - the gifts of God now become our own.

At His service,
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