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(2 Timothy 3:16-17, ESV).

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PREAMBLE

The Provincial Theme for Church of Uganda this year, 2026 is: “***Anchored in Christ for Unity, Stability and Peace***” (*Ephesians 2:14-17*). The Theme calls us to have peace and friendship with God and with one another on account of Jesus Christ’s death. On the cross, Christ put to death the hostility between Israel and other nations, which stood in the way of peace with God. Once we have peace with God in Jesus Christ, then we experience unity and stability.

In this context, an anchor is a heavy object attached to a chain used to moor (*tie up a ship*) a ship to the sea bottom.

For Christ to be an “anchor”, means that all those who believe in Him will find stability, security and hope in Him alone, especially during the challenges and storms of life. (*Heb. 6:19*). It is when you trust in Christ that your faith keeps steadfast, unwavering and secure in the eternal promises of God. When you are anchored in Christ, as a believer you relinquish any worldly attachments and focus on the presence of Jesus Christ as you align with His will; leading to unity, stability and peace.

Unity, Stability and Peace come when we endeavor to study and apply the Word of God. The Word is the weapon with which we defeat the thief, the tempter, the devil (*Matthew 4:4-10*), the flesh and the world. We benefit from the Word only when we apply it in our lives! The Word turns us into humble persons, encourages us to serve God effectively and makes us heroes/heroines for Christ! The Church is admonished not to be swayed by all kinds of false teachings that are common these days, but to remain faithful to the Bible. As a believer engages daily in the discipline of Bible reading and study, she or he gets spiritual nourishment and hope. We encourage parishioners to read the Bible daily - that way, they are rooted in the Word of God (*Psalms 119:7-8, 11*) in order to be fruitful wherever they are, and gain hope beyond difficulties.

“Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway” (Proverbs 8:34, NIV). Nothing is more blissfully profitable than “spending time with God”, daily. You do not have to spend hours studying the Word of God and praying, just set aside 15 to 30 minutes every day, at an appointed time, preferably in the morning. Then, He will guard and guide you throughout the day. It is a cardinal error to go anywhere without talking to God. It is like setting out on a journey without fuel. *“...If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here” (Exodus 33:15, NKJV)*.

So, every day, sit somewhere in inner silence and let God talk to you, through devotionals such as contained in this booklet, as you study His Word. Then pray about what is going on in your life and around you; in the lives of those you care about, in your nation and the world as a whole. In your prayer, talk to God like a friend, because He is, and let Him speak to you as well. Learn to listen to God and recognise His call, like Samuel eventually did (*1 Samuel 3.4-10*), by reading and studying His Word.

Dear Reader, we praise God for this new year, 2026! This first quarter of the new year we shall focus on three topics: **1. Anchored in Christ for Unity; 2. Anchored in Christ for Stability; 3. Anchored in Christ for Peace.**

For each topic, we will pick excerpts from all over the Bible; Genesis to Revelation. Equip yourself with a good Bible preferably NIV, ESV, NKJV, or LASB, a pen and a note book. If you can, please acquire a good Bible dictionary, commentary and a concordance. But central to all these, is the BIBLE as the critical authoritative reference. Let it be known to all that the entire Bible is about God's redemptive plan for mankind. Jesus Christ Himself told His disciples that, "... *These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled*" (*Luke 24:44-ESV*). Therefore, as you read the Bible every day, figure out what the passage teaches about the Person or work of Jesus Christ and apply that teaching to your own life.

As you read the Bible, look out for a **command to obey**, a **promise to claim**, a **rebuke to heed**, a **sin to repent of** and an opportunity to **share the Word** with another person. Most importantly, the essence of this publication is to facilitate godly transformation by applying the Word of God in your life. Be expectant to hear your loving Father tenderly giving you direction every day, telling you; "... *This is the way, walk in it...*" (*Isaiah 30:21*).



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READERS' GUIDE

In this daily guide, the Bible Study for believers, each day's portion is structured as below;

- (i) Referential indication of the reading for the day, with a summative statement of what it is about,*
- (ii) Brief notes for the day's text,*
- (iii) A meditation verse, question or challenge for the day, and*
- (iv) A suggested prayer.*

It is suggested that you acquire and maintain a notebook for your Bible study. It is further recommended that (i) You start off your quiet time with a short prayer; confessing your sins and seeking God's forgiveness, invite the Holy Spirit to guide you as you listen to God through His Word; (ii) read the text slowly and meditatively.

As you read and meditate: (i) take notes of any important convictions you encounter, including but not limited to: (ii) the day's take home as italicized in the notes, and (iii) your take home as per the final paragraph of the preamble.

Structure your notebook into your daily notes with dates and the relevant reading. At the end of the study of each theme, you may read through all the notes you have taken on the theme in order to "gather the sheaves" you have harvested from the Book, noting in particular, the holiness and goodness of God.

May the Lord bless you as He speaks to you through His Word.

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THE MONTH OF **JANUARY 2026**

ANCHORED IN CHRIST **FOR UNITY**



To be united in Christ is a spiritual aspect of oneness and harmony among the children of God. This is based on their trust in Jesus Christ as they reflect on the unity of the triune God. Unity in Christ does not mean uniformity of thought and practice, but on purpose and love as guided by the Holy Spirit, who enables them to break down barriers of class, race and gender (Gal.3:28). They are one body with one Spirit, one Lord; one baptism, one hope one faith and one God, the Father.

Thursday, 1st January 2026. Unity reflects the unity of the triune God.**Text: John 17:6-11**

Jesus Christ desires His followers to be united as this reflects the unity between Him and His Father (v.11). Unity among brethren expresses the genuine love they have for each other through their union with Jesus Christ (14:10). *Divisions among Christians bears a negative witness in communities where they live.* If there is disunity among you, children of God, repent and reconcile with one another, and reflect the love of Christ among you.



Reflect on verse 11. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Our loving Father, the Lord of heaven and earth, let the genuine love of Christ prevail among Your children. In the name of Jesus Christ, I have prayed. Amen

Friday, 2nd January 2026. Do not stir up divisions in the Church.**Text: Titus 3:1-11**

The person who stirs up divisions in the church should be warned and be corrected and be restored from his/her divisive nature (vv.10-11). If such a person refuses to be corrected then he/she should be put outside the fellowship. *By refusing to correct something he knows to be wrong is tantamount to self-condemnation.*



Reflect on verses 10-11. How are you dealing with divisions in your Church. Are you one of those who is causing such divisions in the Church? How are you going to apply verses 10-11 to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, open the spiritual eyes of false teachers who are causing divisions in our churches and cause them to repent and stop. Amen.

Saturday, 3rd January 2026. Forgive one another. Text: Ephesians 4:25-32

When we understand God's mercy of forgiveness, that He has forgiven us not because we forgive, but out of His mercy for us, then we should extend the same forgiveness to others (v.32). *If anyone is not willing to forgive, then he/she has not become one with Jesus Christ.*



Do you forgive others? Do you help those hurting each other to reconcile or you cause them to hate each other even more? Reflect on verse 32. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Our Father in heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ, help us to be kind and to forgive one another. Amen.

Sunday, 4th January 2026. Differences and opinions should not divide you.**Text: Romans 14:1-9**

Your basic attitude to a fellow christian should be one of welcome and acceptance, based on God's attitude to us in Christ. The question of food, drink and religious observation of days should not divide you. For example, if a person who once worshiped idols becomes a christian, he/she might feel bad when he eats meat that has been offered to gods. This is 'a weak' brother who is not yet mature (v.1). Such should be handled with love and care. *The principle should be: in essentials, we maintain unity; in nonessentials, we have liberty; in everything, we love.*



Are you a weak or mature christian? In what areas are nonessentials dividing your church or fellowship? Meditate on verse 1. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help us not to quarrel over opinions. Amen

Monday, 5th January 2026. Let us love one another. Text: 1John 4:7-12

The love of God for His only Son is the source of love that binds believers together in Christ (vv.9,11). Our Father in heaven introduced the perfect love by giving us His Son, Jesus Christ. In Christ alone, we should bind together. Our love should be based on God's example, not on our feelings or the actions of others. However, do not be manipulated and do not accept your unconditional love to be abused. In such instances, use wisdom. *God has not called you to be careless.*



Meditate on verse 11. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, teach us to love one another. Amen.

Tuesday, 6th January 2026. Be in every situation together.**Text: 1 Corinthians 12:21-30**

The unity in Christ shows when one member is rejoicing; all need to rejoice with him or her, not jealous or weep with the one weeping, not to be apathetic. As believers, we are in the world together. Unity in Christ should compel us to get involved in the lives of others, and not to just enjoy our own fellowship with God.



Meditate on verse 26. How are you going to apply it to your life? Do you feel jealous when any of your friends is uplifted? Do you feel apathetic when one of you is in trouble? Repent and the Lord will forgive you.



Prayer: Our heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, lead me to rejoice with those You are promoting and feel apathy with those in trouble. Amen.

Wednesday, 7th January 2026. Be in one Spirit and of one mind.**Text: Philippians 1:19-30**

Apostle Paul is appealing for unity among believers (v.27), so that they stand side by side for the cause of the gospel. As believers, strive to stand together, not priding in anything. Let Christ be your focus! Phillipi was a Roman Colony. And therefore, her inhabitants had a privilege of being Roman Citizens. This led them to be proud as they looked more to Ceaser than Jesus Christ for their model of behaviour. Today, some Christians take pride in political and church leaders they know, other than modeling their lives to Christ. This has caused disunity in the church. Such *people need to repent, and the Lord will forgive them.*



Meditate on verse 27. How are you going to apply it to your life?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, let my life style be worthy of the gospel. Amen.

Thursday, 8th January 2026. Honour one another out of love.**Text: Romans 12:9-13**

God honours His children out of love. Therefore, His children should honour one another, knowing that they are created in the image of God (v.10). Never honour another with ulterior motives. *When you are united, you compete to serve one another.* When you are united in Christ, you love one another as brothers and sisters, and, indeed, you are because you were adopted in God's family and love one another. You also compete to serve one another, treating others as being above self.



Meditate on verse 10. How are you going to respond to it?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help your children to love and honour each other genuinely. Amen.

Friday, 9th January 2026. Live in harmony with others. Text: Romans 15:1-6

The Roman church was diverse in nature. It was composed of Jews and Gentiles, slaves and free people, poor and rich, strong and weak people. Therefore, accepting one another was a challenge. There were cliques. Yet in Christ we should go out of our way to accommodate others and avoid favoritism. *Deliberately set out to greet those you normally do not spend time with,* and minimize differences (vv.5-6).



What category of people do you greet at church? Do you know your neighbours? How do you relate with them? Meditate on verses 5-6. How are you going to apply them to your life?



Prayer: Our Father in heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ, may we be united as we glorify Your name.

Saturday, 10th January 2026. The invisible God reveals Himself to others through us. Text 1 John 4:7-12

God is love, and when we are in harmony, loving one another, we reveal the invisible God to others through us and His love is made complete (v.12). *It is not about how many people you love, but how much you love them.* Our job is to love faithfully and live in harmony with those we interact with. The moment you are in love with someone, then you are in unity. When we are in unity in God's love, then we depict Him to ourselves and others.



Meditate on verse 12. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help us to love one another and be able to live in unity. Amen.

Sunday, 11th January 2026. Model godly virtues. Text: 1 Peter 3:8-12

When you are united in Christ, *you model godly virtues: unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender-hearted, and a humble mind.* (v.8). Any church or fellowship united in Christ should characterize the above essential elements.

Being of one mind means pursuing the same goals; sympathy means being responsive to the needs of others; brotherly love means treating and seeing each other as brothers and sisters; tender-hearted, means being affectionately sensitive and caring; and humility means being willing to encourage one another and rejoice in each other's successes.



Meditate on verse 8. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Our Father in heaven, the Lord of heaven and earth, build us up to be of one mind in Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, I have prayed. Amen.

Monday, 12th January 2026. Unity in Christ is established by God. Text: Ephesians 4:1-8

The peace of God is a bond that unites children of God in Christ. The unity is created by the Holy Spirit and the believers in Christ merely preserve it (v.3). They preserve this unity by acting with humility, gentleness, patience and love toward one another. Only when you are in Christ will the Holy Spirit help you to preserve the unity in Christ.



Meditate on verse 3. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Almighty Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, fashion us to maintain unity and peace. Amen.

Tuesday, 13th January 2026. Every believer is part of the body of Christ. Text: Ephesians 4:8-16

As a child of God, you cannot grow to maturity alone, you need others (v.16). You are gifted by God not for your private benefit, but for the body of Christ as a whole. *You cannot attain maturity in isolation, but together with others in unity in Christ.*



Do you have a fellowship you belong to? How often do you meet in a month? If any, how has it helped you in your spiritual growth? Meditate on verse 16. How are going to respond to it?



Prayer: Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me to belong to a strong fellowship that will enable me to grow to maturity in Christ. Amen.

Wednesday, 14th January 2026. In Christ, you are all sons of God. Text: Galatians 3:23-29

The term “sons” of God refers to all Christians both male and female. As adopted children of God, united in one faith, enjoy all the privileges, responsibilities and inheritance rights (v.26). *You are a child of God with others, and must be united under the banner of Christ.*



Meditate on verse 26. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Our heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for making us Your children. Amen

Thursday, 15th January 2026. Believers are all baptized in one Spirit. Text: 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

All believers are united by Christ through their faith in Him. This is true despite them coming from a variety of backgrounds, and having many different gifts and abilities (v.4). *Having one faith in Christ unites the church.* This does not make us lose our individual identity, but we share the same spirit which makes us one spiritual body. This one Spirit of God for all believers connects them to each other, and so we live in unity in Christ.



Meditate on verse 13. How are you going to respond to it.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for the Holy Spirit who unites all Your children. Amen.

Friday, 16th January 2026. Live in harmony with the lowly.

Text: Romans 12:14-21

Do not use your contacts and relationships for selfish ambitions. Relate and unite with those of different race, the poor, male and female, young and old (v.16). Believers in Christ should live in harmony and unity through humility, mutual respect and in solidarity with those of low class. *Do not think of yourself as being too good to associate with anyone else.* Unity in Christ calls for relating with all.



Meditate on verse 16. How are you going to apply it to your life?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help us not to be proud, give us humility. Amen.

Saturday, 17th January 2026. We are one body in Christ. Text: Romans 12:3-8

Our body parts function well under the direction of the brain; in the same way, Christians united in Christ should work together under the direction and authority of Jesus Christ (v.5). All believers in Christ are one unified body in Christ, each person belonging and attending to others. When we are united in Christ, then we are *connected to each other with the purpose of serving one another.*



Meditate on verse 5. How are you going to respond to it?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, make us one body as we serve one another. Amen.

Sunday, 18th January 2026. Be united in the same mind and same judgment.

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

The Bible teaches us to be united in the church (v.10). In Christ, we should be united, avoiding taking of sides with different leaders. Instead, we should focus on the shared core beliefs centered on Jesus Christ. The divisions we witness in some churches, today, is because *Christians have set up human beings as their standard, instead of Jesus Christ.*



In your Church, do you follow a particular christian leader? Meditate on verse 10. How are you going to apply it to your life?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, give us unity in our Churches. Amen.

Monday, 19th January 2026. Live in peace with one another.**Text: 2 Corinthians 13:11-14**

Apostle Paul is encouraging *believers in Christ to be united, rejoice, aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another and live in peace (v.11).*

The above traits will become a part of the Church when the members, united in Christ work hard to solve the problems, not by glossing over difficulties and conflicts. A church united in Christ should not neglect, deny or withdraw from problems or promote bitterness in the congregation. They should face these challenges and solve them. Then the God of peace and love will be with them.



How does your church solve problems when they emerge? Are there problems in your Church that are not tackled? Is there bitterness in your congregations or fellowship? How can you solve it? Meditate on verse 11. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Our heavenly Father, the Lord of heaven and earth, in the name of Jesus Christ, strengthen us to comfort and live in peace with one another. Amen.

Tuesday, 20th January 2026. Be of one heart and soul. Text: Acts 4:32-37

While believers in Christ can have differences in opinions, spiritual unity is essential (v.32). Unity in Christ calls for loyalty, commitment and love for God and His Word. For any Church to survive, *spiritual unity is key for the body of Christ.*



Meditate on verse 32. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help us be united with one heart and soul. Amen.

Wednesday, 21st January 2026. You are one in Christ. Text: Galatians 3:23-29

Believers in Christ, are all one in Him (v.28). This does not mean sameness; but *unity with diversity*. That there is “neither slave nor free, there is no male and female”, means that in Christ the old divisions and wrong attitudes of superiority and inferiority are discarded. Faith in Christ transcends these differences and makes all believers one in Christ. They are all heirs of Christ, no one is more privileged than the other.



In your Church, do you have cliques of superiority complexes? How are you going to overcome them? Meditate on verse 28. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, build us to be one in Christ. Amen

Thursday, 22nd January 2026. Love is a distinguished mark of believers in Christ. Text: John 13:31-35

Unity in Christ calls for love for one another (v.35). Love is an attitude that reveals itself in action. We can show love to others by helping when it is not convenient, giving when it hurts, devoting energy to others' welfare not your own or by absorbing hurts without fighting back. *Because this kind of love is hard to give, that is why people notice it when it is in play.* They also affirm that you are empowered by the Holy Spirit, whom you received at the point you received Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord.



Meditate on verse 35. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, the Lord of heaven and earth, give us the ability to love one another genuinely. In the name of Jesus Christ, I have prayed. Amen.

Friday, 23rd January 2026. Believers in Christ are of the same mind. Text: Philippians 2:1-11

The encouragement, participation in the spirit, attention and sympathy are all realities in Jesus Christ. *Believers who are of the same mind, use their different gifts together,* focusing on the glory of God (vv.1-2). Believers who are united in Christ experience the above. They are in complete unity and harmony, they are like-minded, they share the same love, they are one in spirit and have one common purpose of glorifying God!



Meditate on verse 1-2. How are you going to respond to them?



Prayer: Almighty Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, unite us to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Saturday, 24th January 2026. Build up one another. Text: Romans 14:13-19

Believers who are united in Christ actively pursue and prioritize things that bring peace and do their best to build up one another (v.19). They avoid personal preferences and disagreements. *You correct your fellow believer in love.* You do not spread rumors or promote cliques in the congregation. You wish others the best.



Meditate on verse 19. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help us pursue unity in our churches and fellowships. Amen.

Sunday, 25th January 2026. Jesus Christ is present in Christian fellowships.**Text: Matthew 18:20-23**

When believers in Christ are united in Him, Jesus Christ will be present among them (v.20), as they gather with a purpose rooted in His authority and character. Jesus Christ is Omnipresent, He is in all places at the same time. When the children of God are united in Christ to seek God's face through the name of Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ promises that He will be among them. *If two or three people are genuinely united, filled with the Holy Spirit in seeking God, they are more effective than a hundred who are not united in Christ.*



Meditate on verse 20. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help us to promote unity in our churches. Amen.

Monday, 26th January 2026. When we are united, we accomplish much. Text: Ephesians 4:9-16

God has given us a great task of fulfilling the great commission in our generation (Mat.28:18-20). It involves teaching, preaching and nurturing. At an individual level, the task is too much, but when you are united, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, you accomplish much! And *as you work together, you express the fullness of Christ (3:19).*



Meditate on verses 12-13. How are you going to respond to them?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, may You make Your church grow to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Tuesday, 27th January 2026. Bear with one another. Text: Colossians 3:1-13)

When you are united with Christ, you bear with one another (v.13). You forgive one another as the Lord has forgiven you. You extend the same boundless forgiveness and grace that you received from God to others. When you are united in Christ, you are a family. Therefore, you should treat one another with kindness and grace. You endure your fellow believers' quirks and oddities. *When they fail, you are willing to forgive and help them heal.*



Are there people you find difficult to forgive? Why? (Apply Mat. 18:21-22). Are you sure God has forgiven you? (Apply 1John 1:9). Meditate on verse 13. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, equip me bear with those who hurt me. Amen.

Wednesday, 28th January 2026. Love one another. Text: Colossians 3:14-17

When believers in Christ are united, they love one another (v.14). All Christians are called to love one another (*1 Cor. 13*). That “love binds everything together”, meaning that love unites all the virtues. Love brings people together and makes their differences compatible. “*Harmony*” means the positive combination of things which are not exactly the same.



What shows that you love fellow believers? Do you feel loved in your Church? Why? Meditate on verse 14. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Almighty Father, the Lord of heaven and earth, fill us with love for one another so that we may live in perfect harmony. In the name of Jesus Christ, I have prayed. Amen.

Thursday, 29th January 2026. Jesus Christ desires us to be one. Text: John 17:20-26

Jesus Christ desired for His disciples to become one (v.23). *He still desires us to be one in Him.* He wants us united as a powerful witness to the reality, of the love of God. Jesus Christ prayed for unity among the believers. The unity that Jesus requires is not just for connection; but deep inward communing of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, resulting in visible expression of the glory of God.



In your Church, are you united? Meditate on verse 23. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray that Your children will become one, and remain one. Amen.

Friday, 30th January 2026. God desires His children to be united. Text: Psalm 133:1-3

It is pleasant when children of God live in harmony (v.1). However, this harmony is not found in most churches. Instead, you find division and disagreements over unimportant issues. Some delight in discrediting others, causing unnecessary tensions. *Unity in the Church is important because it shows a good example to the world.* This helps to draw some to the Lord and it renews ministry.



Meditate on verse 1. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, bind us to live together in harmony. Amen.

Saturday, 31st January 2026. God is able to unite His children. Text: 2 Chronicles 30:10-12

God caused the unity of the people of Judah with “one heart” to obey the leaders’ commands which had been given by the Lord (v.12). This enabled them to experience significant Spiritual revival, as they returned to worship. In case there are divisions in your church, pray to God for He is able to bring unity, revive your worship of Him and cause *many to come to Him to the glory of His name!*



Meditate on verse 12. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Our heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, give us one heart as a church so that we worship you in renewed strength. Amen.

THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026

ANCHORED IN CHRIST FOR STABILITY



Stability is the state of being firm and steady. It is the strength to stand or endure. Having a common ground and strength in Jesus Christ. It encourages spiritual unity, mutual support and love despite the differences. It is about unity in faith, purpose adhering to the Word of God.

Stability in the church is the steadfastness, resilience and unwavering faith that believers find through their relationship with Jesus Christ. Spiritual stability is reliability in withstanding pressure.

Sunday, 1st February 2026. God is our Rock. Text: Deuteronomy 32:1-10

In this text, we see Rock as the name of God (v.4). This shows the steadfastness and permanence of God. When you are in Him, you are stable and you cannot be shaken. You can only be in God as your Rock when you are in His Son, Jesus Christ, as your Saviour and obeying His Lordship. As a nation, and in this political season, we shall experience stability only when we *yield to God as our Rock through Jesus Christ*.



Meditate on verse 4. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, You are a God of faithfulness and without iniquity. All Your ways are just. Amen.

Monday, 2nd February 2026. God's Kingdom rules over all.

Text: Psalm 103:13-20

By His providence, God keeps all creatures in being and He involves Himself in all events (*including political situations of a nation*). He directs all things to their appointed end (v.19). God has providence control over the affairs of nations (*Job 12:23*), over the out-ward successes and failures of man's lives (*Luk. 1:52*), in supplying the wants of God's people (*Gen. 22:8*), in giving answers to prayer (*1 Sam. 1:19*) and in exposure and punishment of the wicked (*Ps. 7:12-13*).

God knows the future and controls it; *He upholds the world and intervenes in it*. He gives general direction and is concerned with the details. In this political season, the Lord who controls the affairs of nations and gives answers to prayers of His children, will stabilize Uganda! Let us trust Him. We can only trust Him effectively through His Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.



Meditate on verse 19. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, let your Kingdom rule over the affairs of our nation. Amen.

Tuesday, 3rd February 2026. God is our protection. Text: Psalm 18:1-10

The Lord is often called the "Rock", meaning that *He provides shelter, and protection for His people* (v.2). God being the Rock suggests His strength, Sovereignty and Security to all those who trust in Him. Let us trust the Lord, that He will stabilize our nation and give us security by His strength. We do this effectively through His Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.



Meditate on verse 2. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for being our Rock. Stabilize and protect our nation. Amen.

Begin your day with God

Wednesday, 4th February 2026. God is the only reliable hope.**Text: Psalm 62:1-12**

God alone will stabilize our nation because *He is our Salvation and fortress*. We shall not be shaken; He is our Rock (v.2). We are trusting God that He will stabilize our nation as He gives us protection from all dangers of life, especially in this season of politics. We trust the Lord for security through His Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.



Meditate on verse 2. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I choose to trust in You for the stability of our nation because You alone are our Rock, our salvation and fortress. Amen.

Thursday, 5th February 2026. God established the world. Text: Psalm 93:1-5

We are trusting God who established the world that He will stabilize and make our nation reliable to live in even after this seemingly difficult season of elections (v.2). Our God is everlasting, meaning He has no beginning, He is not created, instead, He created everything seen and unseen. *The Lord reigns and in Him alone we are secure.*



Meditate on verses 1-2. How are you going to respond to them?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, we choose to worship You because in You we cannot be shaken. Amen.

Friday, 6th February 2026. Stand firm in your faith.**Text: 1 Corinthians 16:12-14**

In a harsh environment, like in the season we are in, where people are divided because of their political affiliations, you as a child of God *need to be stable, be alert and stand firm in your faith in God through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord* (v.13). Because of the season we are in, do not be shaken, instead, be firm in your trust in the Lord, no matter what happened in the elections; trust that God will always do what is good for His people. When you are alarmed do not begin to trust in any other thing, but in God alone.



Meditate on verse 13. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, strengthen me to be mindful and stand firm in my faith and stay strong in You. Amen.

Saturday, 7th February 2026. Trust in the Lord. Text: Psalm 20:1-9

Stability comes as one trusts the Lord's strength and His power (v.7). *You will stabilize and overcome challenges because of the presence of God.* The Lord will not fail to protect His children (Deut. 7). Let us trust God for the stability of our nation. The Lord is able to change every bad situation by His own means.



Meditate on verse 7. How are you going to apply it to your life?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help us trust You in every situation that we encounter. Amen.

Sunday, 8th February 2026. In God you are secure. Text: Psalm 40:1-9

Stability comes after a period of waiting on the God (vv.1-2); yet this is not easy. When you wait on God, He sets your feet on solid ground, He lifts you out of danger, He puts a new song and praise in your mouth.



Are you afraid of the outcome of these elections? Put your trust in God, for He rescues you from danger and provides security for you. Meditate on verse 2. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, lift us up from despair and set our feet on solid ground. Amen.

Monday, 9th February 2026. Jesus Christ is our foundation.**Text: 1 Corinthians 3:10-15**

You gain genuine stability when you stand on or build on Jesus Christ as your strong foundation (v.11). You, as a church, will *attain and maintain stability only on Jesus Christ as the foundation, not any other.* Salvation from God starts and ends with faith in Jesus Christ. A good number of people are not stable in their walk with the Lord because their faith is grounded in a person and some other concepts and not in Jesus Christ.



Meditate on verse 11. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for Jesus Christ, our strong foundation. Amen.

Tuesday, 10th February 2026. Fix your eyes on Christ. Text: Proverbs 4:20-27

Our stability hinges on our focus on Christ. Otherwise, we shall inevitably swerve off and drift towards sin and wickedness (v.27). We need Solomon's advice so that we *do not stray from the path of God's righteousness.* You can achieve this only in Jesus Christ with the help of the Holy Spirit.



Meditate on verse 27. How are you going to apply it to your life?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, the Lord of heaven and earth, help me not to be sidetracked by trivial things. In the name of Jesus Christ, I have prayed. Amen.

Wednesday, 11th February 2026. Jesus Christ is our strong foundation.

Text: Luke 6:46-49

You are stable when you obey God's Word (vv.46-49). When you obey God's Word, it is like building your house on a strong, firm foundation that can withstand strong storms. In this life there are many and some very strong storms and crises, and when they come our foundations are tested. *Knowing and trusting in Jesus Christ is having a solid foundation*, in the midst of challenges and temptations, you remain stable because you are in Christ.



Meditate on verses 46-49. How are you going to respond to them?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help us to build on the strong foundation of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thursday, 12th February 2026. God's truth never changes.

Text: 2 Timothy 2:14-19

God's truth is a solid foundation that never changes (v.19); it will never be shaken or fade. *A church or society built on the foundation of the truth of God is stable and cannot be shaken*. When you obey God by applying His Word to your life you can afford to smile in the midst of storms of life.



Meditate on verse 19. How are you going to respond to it?

Prayer: Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for Your Word that strengthens us in this challenging environment. Amen.

Friday, 13th February 2026. Have peace in Christ. Text: Philippians 4:1-7

The peace from God is not found in positive thinking, in the absence of conflict or in good feelings; but *from knowing that God is in control* (v.7). The moment you are sure of your salvation in Christ, you have victory over sin; so, your destiny is set, then you must be stable in your daily walk with the Lord. *The peace of God is different from that which the world gives*.



Meditate on verse 7. How are you going to respond to it?

Prayer: Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, guard our hearts and minds. Amen.

Saturday, 14th February 2026. God gives strength and peace.**Text: Psalm 29:1-11**

In the face of overwhelming adversity, God is able to stabilize His children with spiritual and physical fortitude and tranquility (v.11). When you are in Christ, God enables you to be stable as you face life's challenges with resilience. This is a gift from God, not as a result of human effort. People will see you unshaken in the midst of life's storms.



Meditate on verse 11. What comfort do you get from this verse?



Prayer: Almighty Father, the Lord of heaven and earth, give us strength and bless us with Your peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, I have prayed.

Sunday, 15th February 2026. God's presence gives stability.**Text: Psalm 16: 1-11**

The moment you consciously place God at the fore front of your life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, *His presence provides you with stability and you will not be shaken by hardships in this life.* Always trust God through His Son, Jesus Christ, to protect and defend you. The moment you trust God to guard and guide you, you become stable and nothing can shake you.



Meditate on verse 8. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, always be with me to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Monday, 16th February 2026. Stand firm in Christ. Text: Matthew 10:18-23

Jesus Christ warns us that those who will follow Him will be persecuted; He also promises those who will persevere the challenges of this world will be saved (v.22). To persevere, you must be firm and stable in Jesus Christ. Note that enduring to the end is evidence that you are committed to Jesus Christ; but this is not the way to be saved. Perseverance is the result of a firmly devoted life, not a means to earn salvation. *Stability in salvation is as a result of your devotion to Jesus Christ.*



Meditate on verse 22. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I choose to put my trust in You. Amen.

Tuesday, 17th February 2026. Mature in your faith. Text: Ephesians 4:1-16

All believers in Christ must mature and be stable in their faith in order to avoid being deceived by false teachings and the cunningness of human schemes (v.14).

Spiritual immaturity makes a believer unstable and vulnerable to wrong doctrines and deceptive extra biblical tenets. As a child of God, you need to be rooted in the Word.



Meditate on verse 14. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, equip us to be rooted in Your Word. Amen.

Wednesday, 18th February 2026. Stand against the devil. Text: 1 Peter 5:1-11

You can only stand against the devil when you are firmly rooted in your faith in Jesus Christ (v.9). You will firmly resist the devil, especially after knowing that your suffering is a shared experience among fellow believers in Christ. when you are stable, then you can *fight back the devil under the banner of Christ*.



Meditate on verse 9. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me to resist the devil and all his schemes always. Amen.

Thursday, 19th February 2026. Persevere in Christ. Text: Hebrews 3:7-14

You can only persevere in your walk with the Lord when you are stable in your faith in Christ Jesus. **Your firm confidence in Christ is the proof that, indeed, you have a true lasting union with Christ.** Therefore, do not harden your heart, instead, encourage one another and remain faithful.



Meditate on verse 14. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, as partakers of Christ, help us to persevere in our faith. Amen.

Friday, 20th February 2026. Take confidence in God. Text: Psalm 57:1-11

As a believer in Christ, let your heart be firm, stable and unwavering in trusting God, even in the midst of challenges of life (v.7). Your stability in your faith in Christ, *will cause you to have confidence in God's promises*. When you are firm in your faith in God through Jesus Christ, you make conscious decisions to depend on God as you worship Him regardless of the circumstances around you.



Meditate on verse 1. How are you going to respond to it?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, make my heart settle to worship You. Amen.

Saturday, 21st February 2026. Be steadfast as you wait for the return of Christ.**Text: James 5: 7-12**

Stability in Christ will give you the ability to endure hardship and to be in a state of readiness to receive Jesus Christ on His second coming (v.8). As a farmer waits patiently for the crops to grow and harvest, so is a child of God trusting God in difficult times waiting for second coming of Jesus Christ. It is when you are stable in Christ that you will be able to endure all such hardships as you wait for the Lord.



Meditate on verse 8. What is God teaching you in this verse?



Prayer: Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, give us the ability to be patient even in difficult times. Amen.

Sunday, 22nd February 2026. Have hope in the promises of God.**Text: Hebrews 10:19-25**

Do not waver as you hope in the promises of God (v.23). You cannot persevere unless you are stable in your faith towards the promises of God. And you shall be stronger and stabilize together with others; *the reason you need one another in a fellowship* (v.25). Together, we are able to resist anything that tries to take us away from Jesus Christ.



Meditate on verse 23. What is God teaching you in this verse?



Prayer: Almighty Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, energize us to hold fast the confession of our hope in You. Amen.

Monday, 23rd February 2026. Hold on to the teachings of Christ.**Text: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17**

Believers in Christ should hold on to the teachings of Christ because their lives depend upon it (v.15). When you are not firm in your faith, persecutions and false teachers can lead you away from the truth and your eventual departure from the faith. Today, we are facing false teachings in our churches and it calls us to be firm and stable in our walk with the Lord. Otherwise, you can easily think of leaving your faith in Jesus Christ, and begin to believe in other worthless things.



Meditate on verse 15. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, plant us to be rooted in what You teach us in the Bible. Amen.

Tuesday, 24th February 2026. Stand firm in the Lord.**Text: 1 Thessalonians 3:1-11**

Your stability in your faith in Jesus Christ will make you stand firm under persecution (vv. 7-8). This firmness in your faith encourages your leaders who see the fruit of their work in you. *It also encourages young believers who learn from your maturity in the faith.* Your stability in your faith helps many new believers to stand firm in the midst of challenges.



Meditate on verse 8. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me to be a good example to others who see my firmness in You. Amen.

Wednesday, 25th February 2026. Be united in Christ. Text: Philippians 1:27-30

The Bible encourages the believers in Christ to stand side by side in unity (v.27). *When the church is united, it becomes strong and stable.* It cannot easily be fought. It takes courage and humility for the church to resist in-fighting and focus on serving God through His Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. When a church is united, it aligns with the gospel of Jesus Christ. It depicts the behaviour of the citizens of the heavenly Kingdom.



Meditate on verse 27. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Almighty Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, help us to live as citizens of heaven, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Thursday, 26th Stand firm in knowing God Text: Galatians 5:1-6

Believers in Christ are *called to live in freedom that comes from knowing Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord* (v.1). Otherwise, they can easily go back to the yoke of slavery, the legalism, the law and any other form of spiritual bondage. For example, you hear people promoting the practice of praying according to the watches of the day, blowing shofars and deliverance sessions. Your freedom in Christ means you can now do the impossible to live unselfishly, not to do whatever you want because that leads you back to slavery by your selfish desires.



Meditate on verse 1. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for the freedom I have in Christ, help me to use it appropriately. Amen.

Friday, 27th February 2026. Be unmovable in Christ. Text: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

As a child of God, you are encouraged to be firm and unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord (v.58). Be firm in your faith and give yourself fully to serving God. And all your efforts in serving God are not for nothing. Just because you may not see the result, do not be discouraged, nothing you do is useless. *Stand firm and do not waver, gain stability in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*



Meditate on verse 58. How are you going to apply it to your life?



Prayer: Our loving Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, strengthen me as I work for Your glory. Amen.

Saturday, 28th February 2026. Stability stems from the righteousness of God. Text: Proverbs 10:21-28

The righteous endure because they stand on a solid and lasting foundation, but the wicked are easily swept away by the challenges of this life (v.25). The storms of life sweep away the wicked because they are not stable; they are built on a weak foundation. *The storms of life destroy the wicked, but not the righteous.* The righteous are those whose faith is anchored in Christ, and they will never perish (Rom.8:1).



Meditate on verse 25. What is God teaching you in this verse?



Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for Jesus Christ, my strong foundation. Amen.

THE MONTH OF **MARCH 2026****ANCHORED IN CHRIST
FOR PEACE**

In our world the word “peace” generally means the end of hostilities, warfare, etc. For people and nations, peace usually goes no further than that, a kind of neutral condition, where there is no fighting (which is good), but also no movement toward genuine forgiveness and love. The fighting might be stopped, but the hatred continues to live in the heart. That is because we are not able to change the heart.

Real, genuine, lasting peace can only be gotten from God. By nature, we are not at peace with God, because of our sinful nature (our natural enmity with God and disobedience to His laws). As a result, we are also not at peace with one another. When God changes a person’s heart, he/she is first reconciled to God. Then the converted person is given desires and abilities for reconciliation with and love for others.

Our topic for this month is “Anchored in Christ for Peace,” because peace with God can only be gotten by His grace in Christ. Our sin separates us from God, and the punishment is eternal separation from God. Jesus Christ lived a life of perfect obedience to God, and He paid the penalty for sin when He died on the cross. Those who trust Jesus as their Saviour from condemnation, those who are anchored onto Him, united to Him, will receive what He accomplished, will be at peace with God forever, and will also be enabled to have genuine peace with others.

Sunday, 1st March 2026. Steadfast anchor of the soul. Text: Hebrews 6:19-20

We begin our meditations about being “Anchored in Christ For Peace” by looking at the verse which provides that language. The passage we read today tells us about God promising Abraham that He will make Abraham into a large nation with more people than he can count, like stars in the sky (*Gen.15:5*). We who have the faith of Abraham are among those descendants (*Rom.4:16*). We can be assured of that because, as the writer states, of God’s unchangeable **promise** of His purpose and His **oath** (*and He cannot lie*). Therefore, when believers go to Jesus for refuge, or harbour, they are safe! We can fix our “anchor” upon Christ, and we cannot be moved. Our eternal souls are safe!

The writer refers to Israel’s Tabernacle/Temple as the reason for our confidence (6:19-20). Inside the innermost room, the Holy of Holies, is the Ark that contained God’s Law, and the cover called the Mercy Seat, the symbol of God’s throne of forgiveness. Once each year the High Priest would take blood from a sacrificed animal and sprinkle it on the Mercy Seat symbolizing someone dying for the people’s law-breaking, paying their sin penalty, thus providing forgiveness. That symbol pointed to Jesus, who took His own pure, sacrificed blood into the real Holy of Holies in Heaven. *Christ’s death was a real human death which fully paid the human sin penalty.* His sacrifice never needs to be repeated. Anchor your soul’s salvation on Christ.



Question: *Like building a house on a rock or on sand (Mat.7:24-27), onto what are you fixing your anchor? Is it Jesus or something else?*



Prayer: Our Father, thank You for providing a safe harbour for my soul and for a solid place to affix my salvation anchor. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Monday, 2nd March 2026. How to gain peace with God.

Text: Romans 4:22 – 5:1

Our passage for today is divided between two chapters; but the chapter division was made by some man. *Verse 5:1* is an essential part of the passage in *chapter 4*. It was in chapter 4 that we are taught about Abraham’s faith in God’s promise, a God-given faith that moved God to declare Abraham to be righteous. This was a righteousness that *did not* include anything Abraham might have done; a righteousness based on the faith that we too can receive from God. *Verse 5:1* then states that *we are justified, accepted by God as being righteous*. Thus, we are at peace with Him through Jesus Christ.

It is important to note that neither Abraham nor we, are at peace with God because

of our own wisdom, abilities, or church affiliation, etc. We are at peace only because of who Jesus is and what He did. Jesus Christ is a divine Person, God the eternal Son, who took on human flesh, lived perfect righteousness for His people, bore their sin and guilt upon the cross, died to pay their sin penalty, and then came back to life to prove that He completed His mission to provide salvation. To anchor our salvation *only* in Jesus and His work *alone* is our sure guarantee of peace with God now and for eternity.



Challenge: *When you sin, do not try to pacify your conscience with increased obedience. Obedience is good, but what you should do is to confess your sin and refresh your trust in Jesus alone for salvation.*



Prayer: God our Father, grant me increasing grace to trust in Jesus alone and to respond with a life of grateful obedience. In the name of Jesus Christ, I have prayed. Amen.

Tuesday, 3rd March 2026. United with Christ. Text: Romans 6:1-5

We continue our meditations about being “*Anchored in Christ for Peace*” by looking at a few separate verses in the book of Romans. Apostle Paul was telling us how we all have sinned and faced condemnation (3:23), but we are accepted by God by His grace in Jesus Christ (3:24). Paul then asks the question some people ask (*but should not*) – may we sin, since we are saved by grace? (6:1). Of course not! We are united to Christ (6:5), and we must live like we are united to Christ (6:6-14). Indeed, we are able to live like a follower of Christ, because we have the Holy Spirit dwelling within us empowering us to live as we should (Rom.8:4).

We will never be able to keep God’s laws perfectly. Though we have the Holy Spirit, we also have residual corruption, and the two are ever at odds with each other (Gal.5:17). Nonetheless, we *are* able to obey. We must always remember, however, that our salvation is not lost because we sin, nor is our salvation secured because we obey. We are at peace with God *only* because of the work of Jesus Christ *alone*, accomplished *for* us, and put to our accounts. *His righteous life and His death for our sin penalty are the only things that make us acceptable to God.* Trust in the work of Jesus for you, and remain anchored in Him alone!



Challenge: *If you trust in yourself or some other religion, your anchor is holding nothing. Jesus alone is your solid and sure salvation from sin, which gives peace of conscience.*



Prayer: Father in Heaven, I pray You give me the grace to trust Jesus alone, more and more every day. In His name, I pray. Amen.

Wednesday, 4th March 2026. How peace-less-ness came to us. Text: Genesis 3:1-15

Our world has so much hatred, violence, war, etc. How did we get in this place? We know that God is good and that human beings are made in His image. How is it then that we are without peace? For that answer, we must go back to the beginning of human history. Adam and Eve enjoyed perfect peace with their Creator; but, according to His plan, the evil one came to Eve and tempted her to disobey God, which she did, and Adam followed suit. They chose to turn away from God, the only source of peace; they chose peace-less-ness, chose no-peace. Not only did they lose peace with God, they lost peace with each other (3:7), a peace-less-ness that came to all humanity.

Adam and Eve's choice brought spiritual death, separation from God, so returning to peace with God was impossible for them to make. However, *God is able to restore peace, and He was pleased to make peace between Himself and His chosen people*. God the Father sent His eternal Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for human disobedience, sin, which He did by dying on the cross (1 Pet.2:24). Those who trust Jesus for salvation are genuinely at peace with God and are capable of restoring peace with others now, the real peace from the heart. Without God's grace in Christ, any peace is shallow and temporary. But *when a person anchors himself in Christ, peace is real and eternal*.



Challenge: *By your own wisdom and skills you might be able to make peace with others. However, history has shown that human peace is a delusion, and human ability can never bring peace with God!*



Prayer: Heavenly Father, please forgive my sins, join me to Jesus so that I can be at peace with You and make peace with others. For the honour of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, I have prayed. Amen.

Thursday, 5th March 2026. A deceptive peace. Text: Genesis 34:20-25

The man, Shechem, raped Jacob's daughter, Dinah; but, somehow, Shechem then loved her. He asked Dinah's brothers if they would allow him to marry her. They agreed, deceptively, but only if the men in Shechem's city were circumcised. Shechem convinced his fellow citizens, because he believed the brothers were at peace with the people; but he was very wrong. There was an outward appearance of peace, because there was no fighting. In contrast, below the surface, within the heart of Dinah's brothers, there was a plan for murder. That is the peace of the world. A person can be polite and not fight, but in the spiritual heart hatred can be strong.

A person can decide to behave differently. *For peace to be genuine, the naturally*

evil human heart must be changed, re-created. We know changing the heart is not possible for us to do. That kind of change can only be done by God. Before hearts can be changed, the cause of an evil heart must be removed. The cause is sin, and sin can only be eliminated by paying the penalty. That is what Jesus did on the cross. Once the punishment is finished, the heart can then be changed. Peace with God and others comes from a new heart, so anchor yourself upon Jesus Christ, and you will have true peace.



Challenge: *If you do not first bow to the Lordship of Christ and trust Him to be your Saviour, then you cannot have genuine peace with God or with others.*



Prayer: O God our Father, I pray You unite me to Christ, give me grace to trust Him for salvation, and give me the joy of being at peace with You and others. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Friday, 6th March 2026. Israel's peace/fellowship offering with Yahweh.

Text: Leviticus 7:13-15

When the LORD (*Yahweh*) delivered His people, Israel, out of their enslavement in Egypt, it was entirely by His grace according to His promise to Abraham (*Gen.15:5, 13-14*). Israel did nothing that would cause Yahweh to save them or to give them the promised land of Canaan. However, there was still the issue of sin that needed to be addressed. Yahweh is pure and holy, and He will not dwell with sin or any unholiness, not even when it is with the nation He made and rescued. Thus, the *book of Leviticus* provides the details of the sacrificial system that would remove sin, allow for fellowship with God, and point believers to Christ's self-sacrifice.

The primary offering is the whole burnt offering (*e.g., Lev.1; 8:21*), which is the sacrifice for sin, when the entire animal is burned. The peace (*or fellowship*) offering is different. The peace offering is voluntary and provides that the fat portions of the animal be burned. Other parts of the animal were to be eaten in Yahweh's presence, indicating peace between Him and the worshipper. *But these animal sacrifices were only symbolic. Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, provides the real sacrifice for sin and peace.* When believers eat the Lord's Supper, we receive the reality of Christ's death, which paid our sin penalty and brings peace between us and God.



Challenge: *Think of eating the Lord's Supper as throwing out the anchor of your soul onto Christ. Trust the reality behind the symbol – Jesus. He will hold you firmly. You cannot be lost.*



Prayer: Father God, I do want to be at peace with You. Make me ever conscious of my union with Jesus, who is my peace. In His name, I pray. Amen.

Saturday, 7th March 2026. Aaron's blessing. Text: Numbers 6:22-27

About two months after Yahweh delivered Israel out of Egyptian slavery, they arrived at Mt. Sinai (*Ex.19:1*). At that mountain, Yahweh gave them His Ten Commandments, laws of worship, etc. He also instructed Moses on how the High Priest should bless the people. Aaron would have raised his hands over the people when speaking about Yahweh's Word (*Lev.9:22*). These Words are not some nice religious words that have no effect. These Words really bestow God's power. Just as Yahweh created all things by speaking them into existence, even so His Words of blessings, through His priest, will have the effect He desires them to have (*Isa.55:11*). Indeed, Aaron is putting Yahweh's name upon them and He promises to bless them (*Num.6:27*).

If your church's worship service includes a benediction at the end, you will probably recognize the "*Aaronic benediction*." Again, it is not an empty pronouncement. This benediction points to Jesus Christ, who fulfilled it and really applies it to His people. *In Christ, God's people really are blessed, kept, graced, and given peace.* This does not mean that all of our life will be easy, nor that you will be wealthy and healthy; but you will be in a gracious and blessed (*not cursed*) relationship with God. You can never be separated from Christ. You will have wholeness of soul, have peace of conscience (*assured your sins are forgiven*), and be at peace with God eternally.



Challenge: When you hear the benediction pronounced at the end of worship, cast your anchor upon that word and give a hearty "Amen" of gratitude to God for all He gives you in Christ.



Prayer: Gracious Father, thank You so much for Your many blessings in Christ. In His name, I pray. Amen.

Sunday, 8th March 2026. Peace offerings in Canaan. Text: Deuteronomy 27:1-8

The *book of Deuteronomy* is Moses' last words before he dies. In our passage for today, he commands the people of Israel on what to do shortly after arriving in the land of promise. They will use uncut stones to build an altar. On that altar God's laws will be etched, whole burnt sin offerings will be made, and then there will be sacrifices of peace. Moses' instructions were for the 12 tribes of Israel to divide themselves into two groups, one on each side of the altar; one group at Mt. Ebal

and one at Mt. Gerizim (*Deut.27:9-26; Jos.8:3-35*). The Levites then read from the law the curses against those who disobey, and the blessings for obedience (*28:1-14*).

God freely gave Israel the land, as He promised Abraham, and the people would be expected to live pleasingly to God, according to His law. They were not to live as the Egyptians did, nor as the Canaanites did. Understanding the order of events is essential. *First*, God made the promise and fulfilled it. *Then*, He required obedience. The same is true today. No one is saved because of obedience to God's Law. God gives salvation first, then a believer is expected to obey. Jesus said, "*Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' but do not do what I say?*" (*Luk.6:46*). When you trust Jesus for salvation, you are trusting the Lord of all creation. *Obedience is your proper response of gratitude and love.*



Challenge: *Just as God brought the Israelites into the promised land, so, too, those who belong to God have been brought into the eternal Kingdom of Christ (Eph.2:6). By God's grace, live like it.*



Prayer: Our Father, thank You for giving me eternal life in Christ, in His Kingdom even now. Give me increasing grace for grateful obedience. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Monday, 9th March 2026. Yahweh is peace. Text: Judges 6:11-24

After Joshua died, and before Israel had kings, the people were led by judges. It was a spiritually sad time for the nation; The people would drift away from worshipping Yahweh, He responded by sending an oppressor (*like the nation of Midian*). Then Israel would eventually cry out for deliverance, Yahweh would deliver them by sending a judge, and there would be peace again in the land and between Yahweh and Israel until the next generation drifted away. This cycle continued for about 400 or more years. In our chapter for today, Israel had been oppressed for seven years. God used Gideon to deliver Israel, who was an insignificant Israelite (*6:15*), and whose faith was indeed weak (*6:36-40; 7:10-15*).

We are all weak, but Yahweh does not need anyone to accomplish His plans (*e.g., 2 Kin.7:6*). In the battle against the Midian, only 300 men were used for the deliverance (*Jug.7:7*). The regular cycle of drifting away and back to Yahweh is why we need a divine Saviour. No mere human (*sinner*) is able to be the perfect redeemer that God requires. Jesus Christ, God the eternal Son, in His incarnation (*human nature*), **never** drifted from His Father! He only is strong to deliver, strong to bear the wrath of God against our sin. *When you trust in Jesus to deliver you from the oppression of sin and wrath, only then can you genuinely experience, as*

Gideon said, “Yahweh is Peace.”



Challenge: *When you see yourself as weak and fearful of condemnation, renew your trust in Jesus and what He accomplished for you. He is strong and cannot fail.*



Prayer: O Lord our God, I pray You keep my eyes focused on Jesus for salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ, I have prayed. Amen.

Tuesday, 10th March 2026. Yahweh’s presence is peace.

Text: 2 Samuel 6:16-19

The Ark was a box that represented God’s presence amidst His people. Inside the Ark were the two stone tablets on which the 10 commandments were etched. The Ark was covered by a lid called the mercy seat, which represented God’s throne of judgment. The Ark was the most important symbol in Israel’s worship. When David was King, he wanted the Ark to be placed in Jerusalem, where he was reigning from. When it was brought into the city, David led sacrifices of burnt offerings and peace offerings. The burnt offering was for sin. The entire animal was burned to symbolize that the animal took the place of the sinner, and the sin had been completely punished.

Once the sin offering was completed, there was the peace offering. The sweet-smelling fat portions of the peace offering were burned on top of the burnt offering (Lev.3:5), a pleasing aroma to God, to show that there was peace between Him and His people. Other parts of the animal were for the people to eat, symbolizing that a meal of peace was being enjoyed between the two parties. Jesus referred to Himself as food, His flesh being real food and His blood being real drink (Jhn.6:55) – spiritually. When we *receive, trust, Jesus as our Saviour, He dwells in us and we in Him (Jhn.6:56). Belonging to Jesus is a sure anchor of peace with God.*



Challenge: *By faith, feed upon Jesus, trust Him fully, as you would feed upon a feast.*



Prayer: O God our Father, thank You for the salvation feast of peace, which is Your Son. Make me live as one fed on Him. In His name, I pray. Amen.

Wednesday, 11th March 2026. Solomon sacrifices peace offerings.

Text: 1 Kings 8:62-66

When King David died, the throne went to his son, Solomon, whose mother was Bathsheba. Solomon’s main responsibility in the early years of his reign was to

build the Temple, which took seven (7) years to complete. The details of that construction are in *chapter 6*. In the reading for today, Solomon makes a huge sacrifice (v.63) – tens of thousands of animals! As usual, the first offering was for sin, the burnt offering. After that Solomon led the peace offering, which symbolically indicated that all was well in the nation's relationship with Yahweh. Not only was there the eating of the worshipper with God, but Solomon held a seven (7) day feast!

The Lord Jesus Christ is the greater Solomon, the real fulfiller of God's promise to King David (2 Sam. 7:13). King Jesus is also building the permanent, eternal Temple, though not in seven (7) years. Each day for the past 2,000 years, Jesus has been adding thousands of people as living bricks in the spiritual Temple of God (*Ep. 2:21; 1Pet. 2:5*). When Jesus was on the cross, He was making the real whole burnt offering for the sin of His people, bringing peace between God and believers. Many churches have fellowship meals together, which is part of what the peace offering did. Some churches have those meals after celebrating the Lord's Supper, which is very much like what the ancient sacrifices intended.



Challenge: *When you observe the Lord's Supper, or have a fellowship meal with your church, remember that you are in the presence of God and are at peace with Him because of Christ's sacrifice.*



Prayer: Father in Heaven, I pray You grant me a constant awareness that I am at peace with You, and am always in Your presence, especially when I'm with Your people, because of Jesus. Amen.

Thursday, 12th March 2026. Sleep in peace. Text: Psalm 4:1-8

Sleep is a gift from God, but in a fallen world sleep can feel like a curse. For those with much responsibility, for those concerned about money, etc., sleep can be elusive, even fearful. But for many people sleep is a great blessing which is fully enjoyed. In today's reading, David writes that he is able to sleep in peace because the LORD (*Yahweh*) gives him safety. David begins his song by rebuking those who do not trust Yahweh, do not serve Him. Having peace with God is more desirous than money (v.7). It means there is no fear in the conscience toward God and no fear about others. God reigns!

David knows God hears his prayer, because he belongs to God. David is careful to live obediently to God's commands. Though, we and David all sin (*Ecl. 7:20*), Yahweh looks upon David favorably. The world lives in constant fear at some level, because humanity is naturally opposed to God, at enmity with God. But those who belong to Jesus need never fear. Jesus said, "*my peace I give you. Not as the world gives ... do not be afraid*" (*Jhn. 14:27*). Trusting Jesus' righteous

life, death, and resurrection for yourself will give you peace with God, no matter what happens. A person who is at peace with God can even have a peaceful sleep with no fears.



Challenge: *When you are having difficulty in sleeping, spend time reading God's Word, confessing sin, praying, etc., and renew your trust in Jesus (even if you do not fall asleep immediately!).*



Prayer: Father God, I often live in fear. Increase Your grace to me so that I can trust You more and live in peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Friday, 13th March 2026. Turn away from evil, seek peace.

Text: Psalm 34:10-14

The superscription (*of David, when he ...*) is actually verse 1 in Hebrew, and it is an inspired Scripture. It informs us that David wrote this psalm before he was king, when he was hiding among the Philistines so that King Saul could not kill him (*likely referring to 1 Samuel 21:10*). David was also frightened that the Philistines might kill him; so, he tricked them by pretending to be a mad man. His ruse was successful; but he understood that his protection was from Yahweh, not his own clever thinking. David writes that *God blesses those who fear Him*. Fear, means standing in awe of God, trusting Him, serving Him, and walking in righteousness, as well as being afraid of His judgments.

Note that we must be very careful **not** to think that we can be at peace with Yahweh by doing what is good. We will always be sinners who cannot make ourselves righteous or acceptable to God. David was in a gracious covenant with God; so, he was accepted as righteous. In Christ's earthly ministry He came among enemies, entrusted Himself to His Father, lived a righteous life, was killed by His enemies, thus accomplishing peace with God **for us**. When a person trusts Jesus for salvation, he is brought into a covenant with God and accepted as righteous. *The person and work of Jesus Christ is a solid place to fix an anchor for peace with God.*



Challenge: *It is easy to avoid peace-making. Jesus made peace by facing evil and defeating it.*



Prayer: Gracious God, give me the grace to do what pleases You and courage to make peace when possible. For the honour of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Saturday, 14th March 2026. Righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Text: Psalm 85:8-13

The people of Israel sinned against Yahweh for centuries, and Yahweh brought different measures of discipline against them. The writers of this psalm begin their song by remembering how Yahweh forgave His people. God is a most gracious and merciful Father! When this psalm was written, the people had once again been disobedient (*though we are not told the specifics*), again facing discipline (vv.4-7). So, the writers plead with Yahweh to restore them – again. They expect they will be restored; but they encourage their readers that they must not return to folly; meaning, they must not disobey God’s commands nor worship other gods. That is foolish, because they are a lie and are destructive.

There are two interesting phrases used here (v.10) that state similar things, but in different ways. *First*, “steadfast love and faithfulness **meet**.” Faithfulness refers to God’s loyalty to His Law and to the covenant of grace, and steadfast love is God’s im-movable, never-changing mercy and grace toward His people. *Second*, “righteousness and peace **kiss** each other” referring to God’s morally virtuous commands which bring peace between Him and His people. All these are secured as a result of Jesus Christ’s service to His Father while He (*Jesus*) was on earth. *Bringing these four things together by God’s grace is a sure and secure anchor for your soul’s eternal life.*



Challenge: *A good understanding of salvation includes the knowledge that both justice and mercy are working together in Christ.*



Prayer: Heavenly Father, no place but in Jesus can mercy and justice come together perfectly. Thank You. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

Sunday, 15th March 2026. Those who love God’s Law have peace.

Text: Psalm 119:165

When Adam broke God’s law (*sinned*), he lost peace with God and with Eve, a curse which came to all humanity. In everyday life, when a person makes an error, he is expected to take responsibility for correcting or repairing the error. Even though human beings are the ones who lost peace, we are not able to restore peace. God is the only source of peace, and only He can repair the peace we destroyed. Just as a dead person cannot make himself alive, we who are spiritually dead cannot repair the peace we destroyed. *Only God can.* Whatever peace we think we make is only superficial, granted by God so that we do not completely destroy ourselves.

Jesus Christ, God the eternal Son, is the Prince of Peace (*Isa.9:6*), meaning He is the only source and restorer of peace; He alone reconciles us to God. When we

anchor our souls upon Jesus Christ, we have a sure and certain confidence that we will enter Heaven. That is *because he repaired what caused the removal of peace*. He lived the righteous life that God required. He paid the death penalty for His people's sin. He rose back to life and is enthroned at the Father's right hand to intercede for us. Because we are in Christ, we are reconciled to God and restored to peace with Him. We now love His laws and are enabled to obey them.



Challenge: *If you are trusting Christ as your Saviour, but you do not really feel like you are at peace with God, it might be because you are not living obediently to God's Law.*



Prayer: Father God, please give me Your blessing of grace to live obediently to Your laws and thus enjoy peace with You. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Monday, 16th March 2026. He makes peace in your borders.

Text: Psalm 147:12-20

The people of Israel were created by God, and He brought them into Canaan, the land of promise. They did nothing to earn Yahweh's promise. For His own reasons Yahweh simply made a covenant with them by grace. He also promised tremendous blessings of health, prosperity, and security, if they would love Him, trust Him, and obey Him (*Deut.28:1-14*). Even though the people saw the great deeds of Yahweh's power and blessing, they repeatedly disobeyed God's laws and worshipped the false gods of the nations. As a result, Israel lost peace with Yahweh. He destroyed the northern tribes. He also sent the southern tribe of Judah into exile in Babylon, but with the promise of return after 70 years (*Jer.29:10*).

For those who belong to God's grace in Christ, God's biblical promises to Israel are a picture of what eternal life will be on the new earth. We might think the promise of peace does not belong to us in the midst of the difficulties we face, and when many of our brethren around the world suffer great persecution. But this world is not our home (*Heb.11:13-16*), and *one day we all will be brought together into one kingdom forever* (*Isa.66:22; Luk.12:32; 2 Pet.3:13; Rev.7:9-10*). *We did nothing to deserve it.* That promise was secured by Jesus Christ and His earthly ministry, which God accepts and applies to us. Secure your anchor of faith in Christ and have the assurance of eternal peace with God.



Challenge: *If you are united to Jesus, you are already with Him in Heaven (Eph.2:6). Are you living like you belong to this world or to Christ's eternal Kingdom?*



Prayer: O Lord God, strengthen me to live like a citizen of Your Kingdom. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Tuesday, 17th March 2026. St. Patrick's Day. Text: Hebrews 13:7

Today, our passage is only one verse, but it is a very important principle for the health of Christ's churches everywhere in the world. This exhortation is at the end of a long letter that emphasized Christ's ministry as being far superior to the Tabernacle/Temple worship of Israel. *The Lord Jesus is ruler of His Church, but He rules through His officers.* One of the roles of an officer is to be an example of a godly life. Today many Christian traditions celebrate the man they call Saint Patrick, who lived an exemplary life as a missionary and a church leader.

About 1600 years ago Patrick, from Britain, was kidnapped by the Irish when he was a teenager and was enslaved for about six years. While he was a slave, he heard the Gospel, the Good Message of Christ, and became a believer. Patrick eventually escaped Ireland and returned to Britain. Many years later, Patrick returned to the country that enslaved him so that he could preach. While most of us are interested in a comfortable life, Patrick's devotion to Jesus Christ, to evangelizing pagans, and to discipling believers is worthy of imitating.



Challenge: *You do not have to be a full-time minister or missionary in order to serve Christ. However, are you loving and serving the Lord Jesus and His people with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?*



Prayer: Father of all grace, it is my desire to serve You fully. I pray You endow me with increasing grace to do that. For the honour of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, I have prayed. Amen.

Wednesday, 18th March 2026. Unto us a child is born. Text: Isaiah 9:6-7

The *five verses* before today's passage are about hope, about God's promise that He will remove sorrow, give light, and increase joy by removing oppression. This is a reference to spiritual concerns. The people of Israel abandoned Yahweh and were about to suffer the consequences. But Yahweh is *promising to restore a right relationship between Israel and Himself.* Though there will be physical manifestations of that, the blessings are spiritual. How did this gracious reversal happen? It is accomplished by the Child who will reign eternally on the throne of David. This passage looks forward to the arrival of Jesus Christ, the establishing and building of His Kingdom, and the blessings that flow from that.

That Christ is *Wonderful* or *Wonderful Counselor*, refers to His magnificence and His supreme wisdom. *Mighty God* points to His divine nature and power, that He is equal with the God of Israel who is revealed in Scripture. *Everlasting Father* describes Christ's authority over all things, because He is the Creator and Sustainer of all things and has no beginning and no ending. That Jesus Christ is the *Prince of Peace* indicates that *He is the only source of true peace.* When a person

comes to this “Child” in faith and submits to His divine lordship, then there will be peace in the person’s conscience resulting from the removal of hostility with God, only familial love.



Challenge: *You must read and study Scripture so that you can grow in your understanding of who Christ is and what He did, thus providing for you a sure anchor-hold for your faith.*



Prayer: **Our Father, I pray You increase my understanding of You, of Your Son, and of Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.**

Thursday, 19th March 2026. You keep him in perfect peace.

Text: Isaiah 26:1-4

The last part of *Isaiah* 25 is about the defeat of the nation Moab. The Moabites were blood relatives with Israel (*descended from Lot, Abraham’s nephew*). They treated Israel as enemies, and God will “lay low” the people of Moab. That leads God’s people to sing a new song, a song that acknowledges that Yahweh is the one who brings the victory. Yahweh built the city to be strong, and the righteous may enter and be assured of safety. Who is righteous? Scripture teaches that the righteous are those who belong to God by His grace alone, in Christ (*Isa.45:24-25; Rom.3:22*).

Yahweh God is also the one who gives peace to His people and keeps them in it. Related to this is an important doctrine of God’s “means of grace.” One of the means/ways God keeps *His people in peace is by having them fix their thoughts and affections on Him* (v.3). It is only by God’s grace that this can be maintained, and it certainly can be a difficult effort. It is, nonetheless, God’s work through us. If your mind is set on things that are strictly of this world, then a believer can have peace with God, but have no sense of it in the conscience; this can cause uneasiness in one’s soul.



Challenge: *Cultivate the habit of turning your mind and heart Godward. This can be done by memorizing and reciting Scripture, hymns, and catechisms.*



Prayer: **Gracious God, my mind is constantly wandering away from You. I pray for the grace to focus my thoughts and affections upon You. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.**

Friday, 20th March 2026. By His stripes we are healed. Text: Isaiah 53:4-6

In the Scripture before Christ’s incarnation, this *chapter* is the clearest about Christ’s work of substitution for His people. Of course, the animal sacrifices

pointed to Christ, but those were only symbolic; animals cannot really pay the human penalty. However, today's passage directly looks forward to the real substitute, Jesus Christ. In today's passage, seven different phrases are used to emphasize the principle of substitution (*count them*). Jesus took the actual punishment for the sins of His people. We broke God's laws; but Jesus took our guilt upon Himself and bore our death penalty. *Verse 4* says He was smitten by God. Indeed, God put our sin on Jesus, and God put Jesus to death for our sin.

The passage indicates that our peace was gained by His chastisement (*ESV*). Peace is not gotten simply by God granting forgiveness. God is ready to forgive, but His justice requires retribution; the law-breaker must be punished. Broken laws, sin stands between us and peace with God. In order for sin to be removed, the sinner must be punished -or- a substitute be punished instead of the sinner. Substitution might not seem fair to you, but that is the system God provides for salvation, and it is a **very** gracious system for which we must be very grateful. If God Himself designed and implemented this system of substitution, *then you can be absolutely certain that it is a sure anchor-hold for peace with God!*



Challenge: *Do not ever think that you must do something to get salvation or to keep it. This passage shows clearly that Jesus Christ has done it all for you. You are free in Christ.*



Prayer: **O Lord God, please give me the grace to live a grateful life of loving obedience and trust for Your gift to me of Christ as my substitute. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.**

Saturday, 21st March 2026. Why there is no peace. Text: Jeremiah 6:1-30

This lengthy passage is certainly worth investing the time to read, but our focus will be on *verse 14*. Jeremiah is a prophet to the Judahites, and they will be going into exile soon, because they have not obeyed God, as He spoke to them through His prophets. Yahweh warns His covenant people that He is sending a powerful foreign nation against them, a nation who will destroy them. God tells Judah that He has judged them to be evil, violent, and destructive. They have closed their ears and taken no pleasure in hearing what He has to say, but they listen to false prophets who pronounce "peace" when there is no peace. How can there be peace, when they have rejected the source of peace?!

God graciously gives salvation and eternal life freely to His chosen people, today as He did then. There is nothing we can do to get peace with God nor to keep it. It is of God's grace alone. However, we must live in a way that pleases Him, which is according to His Law, as we see it in the Bible. As it is in our verse for today, our churches must have preachers who are faithful to God's Word and who

understand it correctly. Leaders cannot overlook sin and also say that we are at peace with God. If the Bible says one thing, and the preacher teaches something different, that is a structural problem that can lead to other problems.



Challenge: *We cannot worship God and live the Christian life according to our own ideas. We can only be at peace with God according to His word.*



Prayer: Heavenly Father, please keep me and the officers in my church close to Your Word. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Sunday, 22nd March 2026. In this place I will give peace. Text: Haggai 2:6-9

Haggai preached to the people of Judah after they returned to Judah from their 70-year exile in Babylon. His message was about rebuilding the Temple, which was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BC. The people started well, but soon became weary of the work. They were eager to build their own homes and make them elaborate (*which is not necessarily wrong*), while ignoring Yahweh's house, which had lain in ruins (1:4). Haggai's task was to rebuke and encourage the people to return to the reconstruction of the Temple. When they did return, some were sad, because it was not going to be as magnificent as the one Solomon built. But Yahweh promises that it will be far more glorious.

The Lord says He owns all the gold and silver (*everything actually!*), and He is going to bring it from the nations to His House, and peace will be found therein. Yahweh is not referring to a brick building, but to the Church, which is His people. Paul alludes to the Church as being the Temple, Christ as the foundation, and we as the building blocks (*Eph.2:19-22*). Peter refers to us as living stones, which are being assembled into a spiritual house (*1 Pet.2:5*). At the end of Scripture, the entire people of God are referred to as the new Jerusalem, the bride of Christ (*Rev.21:2*). *Believers are the wealth of nations*, which are being brought into God's house. Peace with God is found only in His Church (2:9).



Challenge: *Not only are you a building block in God's house, you are called to contribute to its construction, to participate in disciple-making.*



Prayer: Father God, thank You for making me one of Your people. Give me grace to assist in the building of Your eternal house. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Monday, 23rd March 2026. He shall speak peace. Text: Zechariah 9:9-13

Prophet Zechariah preached to the tribe of Judah at the same time as Haggai in the sixth century BC; and Zechariah also calls for the rebuilding of the Temple. Perhaps you recognize today's passage from reading it in the Gospels. *Matthew quotes verse 9*

as being fulfilled by Jesus when He entered Jerusalem just a few days before His crucifixion (*Mat. 21:5*). Zechariah's purpose in writing is to encourage the people with hope that God's Kingdom will triumph. Therefore, the people should repent and live faithfully to Yahweh. In so doing they will know peace with God, peace of conscience, and no longer fear outside invaders.

This is the same message Jesus intended to convey when He entered Jerusalem on that final week. Jesus intentionally was fulfilling Zechariah's prophecy; He was in effect saying, "*I am your King.*" Luke also wrote about that moment. He recorded Jesus saying, "*if only you had known on this day the things that make for peace*" (*Luk. 19:42*). Of course, Jesus knew He would be killed. That was His plan from all eternity. He wept not for Himself, but for the hard-heartedness of the Jewish people (*19:41*). God in the flesh had come to establish peace, and they rejected Him. However, their murder of Jesus is the very thing that brings peace to us today. *His death paid our sin penalty, so we can be at peace with God and have no fear of spiritual enemies.*



Challenge: *Christ's resurrection proves that His death is completed and effective. For peace with God, fix the anchor of your soul on that!*



Prayer: O God our Father, I do believe that Jesus is King, but I am still rebellious. I pray You forgive me and give me grace to submit to His Lordship. For the honour of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Tuesday, 24th March 2026. Glory to God, peace on earth. Text: Luke 2:8-14

This is a well-loved Christmas passage. A heavenly messenger and multitude announce to some shepherds that the Messiah, Jesus Christ, was born in the nearby town of Bethlehem. Why did they announce that peace had arrived? Because, until Christ came, there was no peace, no real peace between God and humanity. Up to that point peace between God and His people was generally symbolic. Believers in ancient Israel did have peace with Yahweh, because of His grace towards them and the animal sacrifices they performed while trusting His promise of the future Saviour. But the real, *eternal peace would not actually be accomplished until Jesus' ministry on earth.*

God required that humanity live righteously before Him according to His commands. But once Adam sinned, no human being was righteous before God, and no one could do righteousness. However, Jesus (*who is both God and man*) did accomplish perfect, complete righteousness for His people. Also, God's justice required the death penalty for sin. Yet, ' God's mercy received Jesus' death on the cross as a perfectly sufficient and eternally satisfactory payment for His people's sin-penalty – substitutionary atonement. Christ's resurrection

proves that His work is effective. This work of Christ is an absolutely sure anchor for peace with God and peace of conscience. Though we will always sin in this life, our acceptance by God is certain. Fear not!



Challenge: *Even though we need not to fear condemnation from God because of our sin, and though our salvation is assured, we do not have permission to sin.*



Prayer: Gracious Father, thank You for the blessings of the Christmas message. Increase my trust in Jesus. In His name, I pray. Amen.

Wednesday, 25th March 2026. Blessed is the King ... peace in Heaven.

Text: Luke 19:37-38

Two days ago, In the *Zechariah 9* passage, we referred to the event of Jesus entering Jerusalem during the last week of His life. The crowd was calling out loudly, rejoicing and praising God for all the miracles they had witnessed. They cried out, “*Blessed is the King who comes ...*” They concluded that Jesus was the King spoken of by Zechariah and the other prophets, the Messiah, the One who would sit on David’s throne (*2 Sam. 7:12-13*), and they were correct. However, they likely thought this was the man who would deliver them from Roman oppression (*Act. 1:6*), which was not Jesus’ mission (*Luk. 19:10*). The crowd was also correct that this King would bring peace with God (v.38).

It is difficult to see the Kingdom of God and the work of the King, because all around us we see the workings of human kingdoms. Seeing the Kingdom of God at work is visible only to the eyes of faith. It is also easy to think the advance of God’s Kingdom is seen in political advancements. We can be tempted to think God’s Kingdom is strong if politics is moving in the right direction; and if our society is corrupt, we can think the work of *God’s Kingdom is floundering. It is not! God’s Kingdom is always advancing in spite of what we see, and peace with God is gotten only by trusting the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, as Saviour and bowing to His Kingship.*



Challenge: *Sometimes God uses corrupt governments and societal problems to increase His people’s trust in Him. Do not judge God by what you see around you.*



Prayer: Father in Heaven, open my eyes of faith to see Your work all around me. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

Thursday, 26th March 2026. My peace I give you. Text: John 14:23-27

This chapter is part of what theologians’ call “the upper room discourse.” On the

same night Jesus is arrested, He is with 11 disciples. And He has much to say to them before He is taken to the cross. Apostle John devotes 5 of his 21 chapters to this important communication. Jesus tells them He is leaving them and returning to the Father. Of course, this will make them anxious: fearful of not having His teachings, leadership, and protection; fearful of opposition; fearful of inadequacy, etc. So, Jesus states that He is leaving His peace with them and giving them His peace. What the world gives is a temporary, shallow happiness that cannot stand against trouble. That is not what Jesus gives.

The peace that Jesus gives is deep and abiding. It is gotten by the fulfilling of a promise, that He and the Father will dwell with them (v.23). Christ's spiritual presence will be more effective than when He is with them in person. Additionally, Christ's peace will come because the Holy Spirit will be sent by Jesus, and the Spirit will be the One to teach them. Shortly before He ascends/returns to the throne, He says the Holy Spirit will empower them (*Act.1:8*), which is a great added advantage. Though the disciples cannot understand it now, Jesus is giving them a great gift for peace (*Jhn.16:7*). The Holy Spirit will teach them, lead them, and give them power. They will have nothing to fear.



Challenge: *You will know peace with Christ and receive power from the Holy Spirit when you stay close to His Word.*



Prayer: O God of grace, thank You for dwelling within me, together with Your Son and Your Spirit. I pray You make me comprehend that I also am in You. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Friday, 27th March 2026. Peace be with you. Text: John 20:19-23

On the day of Christ's resurrection, the first day of the week, Sunday, the Lord's Day, Jesus suddenly stood among His disciples. In *John's Gospel* the first thing Jesus says is, "*Peace be with you.*" Up to that point they had no sense of peace whatsoever. How is it that now they can have peace? It is because of the resurrection. The resurrection proves that Jesus was righteous, and therefore, qualified to carry the sins of His people and pay their sin-penalty. The resurrection also proves that Jesus completed the payment of the death penalty; the penalty is fully paid; God's justice is satisfied. And *the resurrection shows that Jesus has conquered the grave, and His people will rise with Him.*

There will be times when you do not have the sense that you are at peace with God. There will be many reasons for that uncertainty, but those are the times when you must turn your thoughts back to the Word of God and remember the resurrection. *If you are trusting Jesus Christ for your salvation, the resurrection proves you **are** saved.* Recall that Jesus comes to you and says, "*Peace be with*

you.” Indeed, because of the resurrection, you are at peace with God forever. Let your heart dwell on that and strengthen you against whatever is causing your uncertainty. Jesus Christ, because of His resurrection, is an unfailing and sure place to anchor your soul for peace with God.



Challenge: *The peace of God and the work of Jesus Christ are known only because of God's Word. You really should be reading it, systematically, every day.*



Prayer: Father of all grace, I give you thanks and praise for the power and magnificence of the resurrection. Make me live in it. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Saturday, 28th March 2026. The way of peace they do not know.

Text: Romans 3:9-20

The early *chapters of Romans* are about the depravity of humanity. The problem of sin (*enmity with God and disobedience to His laws*) is a problem with all humanity, every nation, every individual. Paul writes how sin was a problem even for Jewish people. In today's reading, the apostle takes several verses from different passages and puts them together into a frightening indictment against all of us. He begins by saying four times in the first four verses, that we are all included (3:9-12). The main cause of this depravity is, “*there is no fear of God*” (v.18), an evil nature we all received from Adam when he chose to disobey God.

Paul then speaks a little more specifically: throat, tongue, mouth, feet. The first three are about speech. What we say reveals much about us. God created and sustains all things by His Word. Scripture is His Word. Because we are created in God's image, word is part of who we are. Jesus says that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks (*Mat.12:34*). Satan is the father of lies (*Jhn.8:44*) – his words reveal his character. Considering all this, it is no wonder humanity did not know the way of peace (*Rom.3:17*). So, Jesus Christ, who is the Word of God, took on human flesh and spoke the words of eternal life (*Jhn.6:63*). *By giving ourselves to Christ and His Word, we have a sure anchor-hold for our peace in our souls.*



Question: *What are your words revealing about you? Pray for God to change your heart and put Christ's Word within you (Jn.8:37).*



Prayer: Father God, I pray You hide Your Word in my heart. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, 29th March 2026. Blessed is the King ... peace in Heaven.**Text: Luke 19:37-38**

A few days ago, In the *Zechariah 9* passage, we referred to the event of Jesus entering Jerusalem during the last week of His earthly life. The crowd was calling out loudly, rejoicing and praising God for all the miracles they had witnessed. They cried out, “*Blessed is the King who comes ...*” They concluded that Jesus was the King spoken of by Zechariah and the other prophets, the Messiah, the One who would sit on David’s throne (*2 Sam. 7:12-13*), and they were correct. They thought this was the man who would deliver them from Roman oppression (*Act. 1:6*), which was not Jesus’ mission (*Luk. 19:10*). The crowd was also correct that this King would bring peace with God (v.38), but they did not understand how.

It is difficult to observe the Kingdom of God at work, because all around us we see the work of human kingdoms. Seeing the Kingdom of God is visible only to the eyes of faith. It is also easy to think the advance of God’s Kingdom is seen in political advancements. We can be tempted to think God’s Kingdom is strong if politics is moving in the right direction; and if our society is corrupt, we can think the work of *God’s Kingdom is floundering. It is not! God’s Kingdom is always advancing in spite of what we see, and peace with God is gotten **only** by trusting Jesus Christ.* This Palm Sunday and always, receive King Jesus and trust Him as your Saviour.



Challenge: *Sometimes God uses corrupt governments and societal problems to increase His people’s trust in Him. **Do not judge God by what you see around you.***



Prayer: Father in Heaven, open my eyes of faith to see Your work all around me. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

Monday, 30th March 2026. Grace to you, and peace. Text: Philippians 1:1-6

This phrase, “*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ*” is used by Apostle Paul at the head of most of his letters. It is a kind of benediction at the beginning, rather than at the end, as most church worship services have them. I often say to someone, “God bless”, at the end of a letter or conversation. It is kind, somewhat loving, and has spiritual overtones. I really do want God to bless the person; but my words accomplish nothing. However, when the inspired Apostle writes these words, or speaks the phrase, grace really does accompany it. That is because the Word of God is living and active (*Heb. 4:12*).

Grace is God’s **un-obligated** actions toward a person. A person cannot do anything

which would move God to give him salvation, because grace is **not** God's response to something a person has done. When the Apostle writes "*grace to you and peace*", then these are actually given to and received by the child of God. So, the result of grace is peace with God, peace of conscience, and peace with others, given and received. Grace and peace are from, because of, and through Jesus Christ. *Without Jesus, there is no grace or peace.* For a sure anchor-hold of peace with God, you must rely fully and only on Jesus Christ alone.



Challenge: *You cannot bless others simply by saying it, as an Apostle can, but you can bring the message of God's grace and peace to others.*



Prayer: Heavenly Father, please use me to bring to the world Your message of grace and peace in Christ. In His name, I pray. Amen.

Tuesday, 31st March 2026. The Melchizedek. Text: Hebrews 6:20 - 7:3

Melchizedek was a man who lived during the time of Abraham. We learn about him because of a battle Abraham fought (*Gen. 14:11-16*). When Abraham was victorious and was returning home, Melchizedek met him (*Gen. 14:18-20*). Melchizedek was the King of Salem, and he was also a priest of God. He put God's blessing onto Abraham, which means he was greater than Abraham (*Heb. 7:7*); even though, Abraham was the father of Yahweh's covenant of grace, the covenant which pointed to and was fulfilled by Jesus Christ. In Melchizedek, we see a picture of the person and work of Jesus Christ, the High Priest of God's covenant of grace. Jesus is the God-man, the perfect priest / mediator between God and His people.

Melchizedek is a kind of, a type of, a shadow of Jesus Christ. Melchizedek means King of Righteousness. Jesus the King is a righteous King who accomplished righteousness for His people, so they can dwell eternally in His righteous Kingdom. Also, Melchizedek is the King of Salem. Salem means peace. Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, the King of the City of Peace, made peace between God and His people. *Indeed, Jesus is the only way to obtain peace with God.* We are not able to do it. Only God can do it. He did do it in Christ alone, through His substitutionary death, His resurrection, and His continuous intercession for us. Set your anchor in Christ, the only hope for your soul's salvation from condemnation.

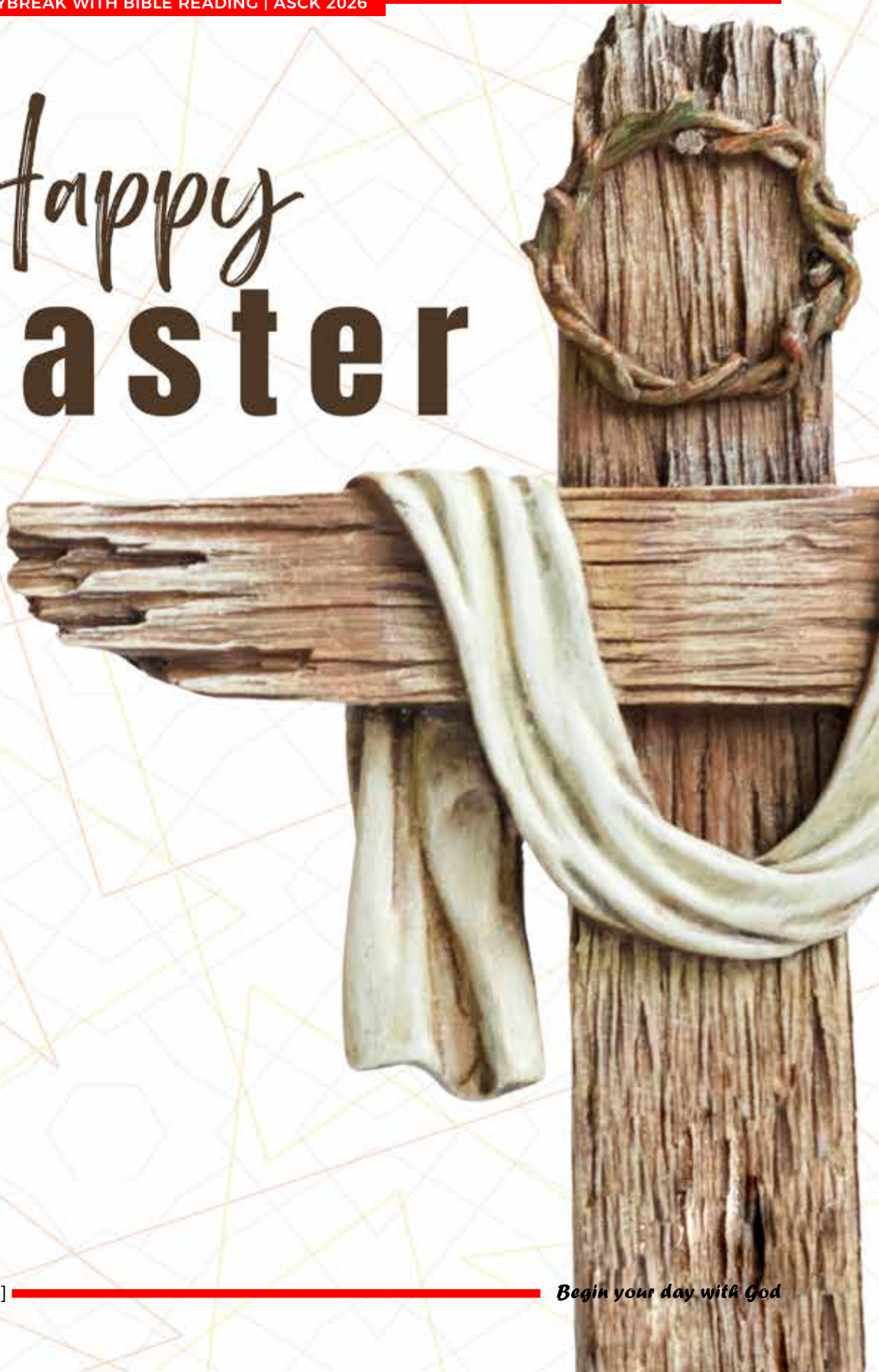


Challenge: *By being graciously united to Jesus Christ, the God-man, there is perfect peace between God and man.*



Prayer: Our Father, in Heaven, I beseech You to keep me in Christ and His peace. In His name, I pray. Amen.

Happy Easter





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