

Trade With God

The key passage is [Philippians 4:5b-9](#).

What to Remember:

- **5b:** “[The Lord is near.](#)” Even though we cannot see Him or feel Him, *He is near*. So, we are not alone or on our own; instead, *He is with us!*
- **6:** “[Be anxious for nothing,](#)” No matter the source or the size of our anxieties, we should not be anxious *because He is near*.

What to Do:

- **6b:** “[but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.](#)” Whenever we are anxious, let us ✦talk to God through prayer, ✦pray earnestly, *which is supplication*, and – *to not be overwhelmed as we think about our anxieties*, ✦name in prayer the many things for which we are thankful.

We may take these additional steps: (1) write down our anxieties, (2) give them to God – *crossing them off the list*, (3) write down our thanksgivings, and (4) give them to God – *leaving them on the list!*

What to Receive:

- **7:** “[And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.](#)” As we keep giving God our anxieties, He keeps giving us His peace – *not a peace that is understood by the*

world, but a peace that is wonderful and based on His power, His control, and His love!

What to Think About:

- **8:** “[Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.](#)” Why is it critical to follow this step? *Because dwelling on such things will fill the place that held our anxieties. As worry can consume us, now the things listed above must consume us!*

What to Practice:

- **9:** “[The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things,](#)” Bible knowledge is good *but let us also put it into practice in our lives!*

Why to Practice:

- **9b:** “[and the God of peace will be with you.](#)” When we do God’s word, He will ✦be with us, ✦uphold us, ✦strengthen us, ✦guide us, and ✦keep giving us His blessing of peace!

Bible References: New American Standard Bible – 1995.

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Our Anxieties For His Peace

Introduction

Dear Friend: Even though the world is filled with potential anxieties, *such as war, crime, relationships, employment, illness, and death*, this brochure will help us to:

- ✦ Know the truth!
- ✦ See things from a proper perspective!
- ✦ Learn some simple steps to give our anxieties to God, receive His peace, and remain in His peace!

Know the Truth

This section will lay *the essential foundation*.

The Bible Is True!

- In the Bible there are thousands of times that God told us what would happen in advance; *then all such things happened*.
- Regarding the Old Testament Jesus prayed to God the Father: “...your word is truth” (John 17:17).
- Peter explained how the Scriptures are God’s word: “...men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God” (2 Peter 1:21).



God Knows Everything!

- “I am God, and there is no one like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done” (Isaiah 46:9-10).

God Is in Control of All Things!

- “Who is there who speaks and it comes to pass, Unless the Lord has commanded it? (Lamentations 3:37).

God Made Us!

- “...God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them” (Genesis 1:27).
- This is a prayer to God: “Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;

And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained *for me*, When as yet there was not one of them” (Psalm 139:16).

- This verse explains today’s world: “[God] made from one *man* every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth” (Acts 17:26).

God Is Sustaining Us!

- “...in [God] we live and move and exist” (Acts 17:28). So, without God, no life, no movement, no existence.
- God is providing our needs: “The eyes of all look to You, And You give them their food in due time. You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing” (Psalm 145:15-16).

God Loves Us!

- Even though we have all done wrong: “...God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

God Took Away Our Sins!

- John the Baptizer said this about Jesus: “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).

God Is Offering the Greatest Trade!

- “[God the Father] made [His Son, Jesus] who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Corinthians 5:21). In other words, the sinless Son of God received our sins

and eternal punishment. Now, God is offering everyone the gift of His righteousness – *the very thing we need to enter heaven!*

Have a Proper Perspective



- ➔ Since the Bible is true, *all things in the world that disagree with the Bible are not true*.
- ➔ Since God has all knowledge and all control, *for Him, nothing unexpected will happen nor will anything happen that He has not permitted*.
- ➔ Since God made us and sustains us, *we know our origin and should trust in Him to provide whatever we need*.
- ➔ Since God loves us and sent His Son to take away our sins, *we should* ♦read the Bible, ♦attend a Bible-believing church, and ♦direct our spiritual concerns to the pastor.
- ➔ Since God is offering us the gift of eternal life through Jesus, *we should be* ♦continually repentant (sorry for our sins and trusting in Jesus for eternal life), ♦certain of His forgiveness, and ♦confident of our entrance into heaven.

Now, being in Christ and growing in the Bible, how should we deal with our anxieties? See the next section...