

STUDY 6 - LIVING IN PEACE

Summary

THE BIG QUESTION

How do I live after I enter into peace with God?

THE BIG IDEA

Being God's child brings security and changes

It can be hard to live as a child of God. On one hand, the forgiveness we receive from God can sometimes make us feel that we can live however we want. On the other hand, when we don't live up to our commitment to obey God, we feel condemned and far from God.

The reality is that living as a child of God is made up of two parts. Being God's child means living a life of continual changes. In other words, God asks his children to always be fighting against the disobedience, or sin, in their lives. At the same time, he helps us to change and become more obedient.

The other part of what it means to be God's child is to live in the reality that in this life we will never be perfect. We will make mistakes. Some sins will be hard for us to give up. It is for this reason that being a child of God also means that we have security. God promises to forgive his children's sins. As long as we do not leave him, he forgives our sins and helps us in our weaknesses.

THE BIBLE SAYS

Galatians 5:13 *You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature ; rather, serve one another humbly in love.*

1 John 5:13 *I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.*

Matthew 24:13 *but whoever stands firm to the end will be saved.*

Ephesians 2:8 *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—*

Ephesians 1:4 *For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. {...}*

Romans 8:1 *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,*

1 Peter 2:2 *Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,*

Ephesians 4:22 *You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;*

Ephesians 5:15 *Be very careful, then, how you live —not as unwise but as wise,*

Colossians 2:6 *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him,*

1 John 2:6 *Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.*

1 John 1:7 *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all*

sin. 8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.