

Perfect Peace

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Millionaires cannot buy it. Yet, the poor can have it. God's provisions cannot be bought with finances. Praise God! Sounds like the provisions that God longs for each of us to have are free. In one sense they are, because they are free from a financial fee; however, God's provisions come at a great personal price. Each of us must make a personal decision to follow God completely if we desire to partake of His benefit and provisions.

The personal price we must pay does not have a monetary value attached to it. This personal price is simply relinquishing our desires, our wants, our ways, our wishes and allow God to have His way in our life. Paul knew this when he penned, "*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.*"—Galatians 2:20 Sounds easy to do. . . just relinquish our desires, our wants; however, it is **not** easy. We want things "our way." I **don't** care who you are there are times in your life when you aren't willing to give in to someone else let alone give in to God, who you cannot see and often don't understand.

God freely offers His benefits and provisions to anyone who will follow Him. But Jesus said, "*If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.*"—Luke 9:23

This personal price that we pay is not paid one day and the account is marked paid in full. This personal price is a price that must be **paid daily**. That is why some people can walk in God's peace in their life one day and not the next. We can even walk in God's peace one minute and not the next. Once we experience God's peace, **we must guard** that peace by continuing our walk God's way.

We have a choice – God's peace, God's way **OR** No peace, Our way.