

Romans 5:1-2

According to Merriam Websterⁱ, the English word “peace” means:

1: a state of tranquility or quiet: such as

a) freedom from civil disturbance

b) a state of security or order within a community provided for by law or custom

2: freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions

3: harmony in personal relations

4: a) a state or period of mutual concord between governments

b) a pact or agreement to end hostilities between those who have been at war or in a state of enmity

According to E. W. Bullingerⁱⁱ the Greek word here translated peace means: “peace, rest; in contrast with strife, and denoting the absence or end of strife. ...a state of health or well-being, it denotes a state of untroubled, undisturbed well-being.”

Ephesians 2:11-22

Colossians 3:1-17

Colossians 3:14 & 15 (Working Translationⁱⁱⁱ)

14 Above all these *things*, *clothe yourselves with* love, which is the uniting bond of maturity,

15 and let the peace of Christ preside in your hearts, unto which you were also called in one body, and be thankful.

All critical Greek texts have the word that means “Christ” rather than “God” in verse 15. Taking into consideration the context here and what we read in Ephesians 2, that certainly fits.

Ephesians 4:1-6

Philippians 4:1-9

Philippians 4:5-7 (Working Translationⁱⁱⁱ)

5 Let your gentle forbearance be known to all people. The Lord *is* near.

6 Do not be anxious [*distracted*] about anything, but in everything, by prayer and prayer request with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God,

7 and the peace of God, which is more excellent than every way of thinking, will protect your hearts and your thinking in Christ Jesus.

The word that is translated “gentle forbearance”^{iv} here means: “gentle, forbearing, yielding, being actively considerate, waiving just and legal redress, and tempering strict justice with gentle equity, not insisting on just rights.”

Romans 15:5-7

ⁱ Definitions retrieved from: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/peace>

ⁱⁱ From the Greek word *eirēnē*. Definition retrieved from theBible.org “word study” pane. Bullinger, Rev. Ethelbert W. *A Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament*, together with an Index of Greek words and several appendices. Fourth edition, revised. London: Longmans, Green & Co., 1895. This complete, unabridged digital edition adds lexical entries by Greek word (rather than by English word), transliterations, Strong's numbers, and unicode Greek characters. These additions are ©2008 TheBible.org, all rights reserved worldwide.

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^{iv} See note “4:5 moderation” on page 446 of *A Journey through the Acts and Epistles*. Copyright © 2006 by Walter J. Cummins. All rights reserved.