

# The Missing Peace

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**Question:** What is your favourite memory of the Sears Wishbook catalogue, if you remember what that is?

**PEACE is what Christmas is all about!**

**Question:** If “peace” isn’t a word that comes to mind about life these days, what words would describe it for you?

**Read** Luke 2:14; Isaiah 9:6–7

**Followers of Jesus live “between the times” of Christ’s coming: ‘the last days’**

**Questions:** What has been your understanding; what have you heard as an explanation for “the last days”?

**Read** Matthew 24:36

**We don’t have to wait for Jesus to come again to experience his peace.**

**Read** Isaiah 26:1–4

**Question:** How much would you pay on eBay for “perfect peace”?

The Hebrew word for “peace” is “Shalom”:

Shalom is the peace that comes from experiencing wholeness. It’s peace with God, people, and circumstances.

**Experiencing God’s peace doesn’t mean that everything in your life is going to be perfect.**

**Read** John 16:33 and Isaiah 26:1-4 again

**God’s peace is not dependent on our thoughts. Our experience of God’s peace depends on our thoughts.**

**Read** Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9

**Question:** From these verses, what do you need to do to experience salvation?

**Read** Philippians 4:6–9

**Questions:** What does it look like for these items to become a “thought filter” for your thinking? What is one step you can take to move towards implementing this “mental detector”?

**Peace isn't found in the absence of problems, it's found in the presence of Jesus.**

Craig Groeschel