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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (NIV)

The Greek word for *peace* is **eirenen** which means *made one in heart and mind*. The scripture reminds us that our sin has put us against God. Rom. 5:10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life! (NIV) This peace has taken us from a place of sin and placed us in the security of the Savior.

The only way to have peace with God is through the gift of His Son and His redemptive work upon the cross. Col. 1:19-20 For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross. (NIV)

This is then achieved through the discipline, first of the cross, and then our personal discipline to walk therein - **Heb. 12:11** No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and <u>peace</u> for those who have been trained by it. (NIV)

Dear LORD, thank You for the peace we find in You. It is because of what You have done for us that we can walk in the freedom of peace in our lives. Hallelujah! In Jesus Name, Amen.