have passed, and guess what? . . . Nothing is impossible for the Lord; the Lord never fails!"

David, the writer of Psalm 34, encountered many difficulties and often cried out to God. Again and again the Lord delivered him from his troubles (vv.4-7,17-19). David's part was to keep on turning to God, his refuge and deliverer.

The Lord is also our deliverer. Sometimes He removes the trial, and sometimes He doesn't. He will, however, <u>sustain us through every difficulty with His grace and peace</u>. Our part is to call on Him. --JEY

God will take care of you still to the end;
O what a Father, Redeemer, and Friend!
Jesus will answer whenever you call;
He will take care of you--trust Him for all! --Crosby

If we depend on Christ for everything, we can endure anything.



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Grace and Peace

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. --Psalm 34:17

Years ago when our family lived in West Berlin, we occasionally hosted Bible studies for members of the armed forces. One evening a few soldiers gathered to hear the testimony of an older man. Speaking from his experience, he said, "Men, I've been following the Lord for many years now. I have learned that whenever I turn to the Lord in my troubles, He will bring me through them victoriously. A sceptic challenged him, 'Sooner or later you'll encounter something so utterly impossible that even the Lord won't be able to help you. Just you wait!"

After a pause, the speaker said to the soldiers, "Many years and troubles



Insights for Living Finding Grace and Peace



(Romans 15:13) "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

In Paul's blessing to the Philippians (Phil 1:2) there are two key words for us to consider:

1. , 1:2

(John 1:16) "And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace."

(Ephesians 2:8-9) "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, {9} not of works, lest anyone should boast."

(2 Thessalonians 1:11-12) "Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling.. {12} that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."

(2 Corinthians 12:9) "And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." ..."

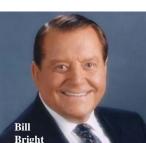
(Numbers 6:24-26)
""The LORD bless
you and keep you;
{25} The LORD
make His face shine
upon you, And be
gracious to you; {26}
The LORD lift up
His countenance
upon you, And give
you peace.""

(Romans 12:6) "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them..."

(Romans 5:2) "through [Christ] also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, ..."

(Acts 13:43) ".. Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God."

(Galatians 5:4) "You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace."



(Colossians 4:6) "Let your speech always be with grace, ..."
(Colossians 3:16) "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ..singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

(Ephesians 4:29) "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers."

(2 Corinthians 9:8) "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."

(2 Corinthians 9:15) "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

2. ______, 1:2, 4:6-7

(Romans 10:15) ".. "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, ..!""

(Isaiah 53:6) "All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; ..."

(Romans 8:7) ".. the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be."

(Romans 5:1) "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,"

(Isaiah 26:3) "You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You."

(<u>Psalms 119:165</u>) "Great peace have those who love Your law, ..."

(Isaiah 32:17) "The work of righteousness will be peace, ...' (Psalms 85:10) ".. Righteousness and peace have kissed." (John 14:27) ""Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

(Galatians 5:22) "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace...,"



John Lennon

