

for it. God gives peace as a gift to all those who come to Him through Jesus Christ. If you want that elusive peace and the gift of eternal life right now, ask Jesus to come into your heart and life.

You can pray a simple prayer like this: *"Oh God, I need help. Please help me and strengthen my faith. I am lost and confused, and I want to find you. I need your light. I must put my life in order, but I can't. I have tried so many times in vain. Dear Jesus, I believe that you love me and died for my sins. Please forgive my sins and my past and help me start a new life. Take over my life and give me your real peace. Thank you for listening to my prayer and for forgiving my sins. Now please help me live a life that will be pleasing to you and a blessing to others."*

If you have prayed this or a similar prayer to invite Jesus Christ into your life, or if you need more information or literature, please write or call us.

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Loyal fans followed and worshipped him. The famous rock guitarist lived a promiscuous life without restrictions, indulging in drugs and outrageous behaviour both on and off the stage.

According to Robert McGee and Donald Sapaugh in *Search for Peace*, at the end of one of his concerts in 1970, Jimi Hendrix smashed his guitar. Expecting this kind of action, the audience screamed and applauded until they realized that something was wrong. Suddenly the applause stopped. Hendrix had fallen on his knees and remained in that position... motionless. He broke the stillness by asking, "If you know real peace, I want to meet with you backstage." Apparently, nobody responded to his startling invitation. Several days later, he died from a drug overdose.

Hendrix sought peace and joy in things that gave him some short-lived pleasure, but he could not find real, lasting peace. All his efforts, searches and calls for help were in vain. He was famous, yet lonely. He died of a spiritually hungry and broken heart.

Hendrix seemed to have everything most people want... except peace.

While everyone talks about peace these days, the world is headed toward anything but peace. No matter who is to blame, the fact remains that, even with all the new technology and religiosity in the world, there is no peace in sight. Everyone wants to do his or her own thing, to go his or her own way. There is no peace among the nations, and no peace in human hearts. There is unrest everywhere. As we look around, we find little personal, domestic, social, economic, or political peace anywhere. Why?

The Bible says — and we can see this ourselves — that we are all born with seeds of selfishness, suspicion, violence, hatred and destruction within us. The person who has not made peace with God is in constant turmoil and war... within and with others. We can only experience real peace when we have been forgiven by God and have made peace with Him.

Because God knows our nature and our inability to find peace on our own, He sent Jesus who, through His death on the cross, made peace with God for us. He became our peace. Jesus is the "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). The Hebrew term here is "Sar Shalom", which has a much wider meaning than "peace" does. It does not only refer to the absence of war and strife, but it also includes prosperity, well-being, harmony within and without, peace in one's heart and peace with God. It is the perfect state of man.

God did His part to bring peace into this world and into the human heart and life. "For God so loved the world (you and me), that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Now you must do your part. God wants you to have peace and joy. Do you have peace and joy? Or, like Jimi Hendrix, are you grasping for peace only to see it disappear like a mirage just when you think you have found it?

If you want peace and happiness, then you must ask for it from the "Prince of Peace" — Jesus Christ — who wants you to have lasting peace and life. You don't have to join a religious group or organization. You don't have to pay or work