

**The Steps to Peace (Part I):  
Standing Firm, Unity, Rejoicing and Gentleness  
Philippians 04:01–05**

- 1 Step 1:**  
*Peace comes through standing firm*
- a. The source of strength:  
Being “in the Lord”
- b. The encouragement:  
A “brother” who cares
- 2 Step 2:**  
*Peace comes through agreement and unity*
- a. The plea: For arguers to agree in the Lord
- b. The need:  
The help of a true friend
- 1) Must help them because they were co-labourers
- 2) Must help them because their names are in the Book of Life
- 3 Step 3:**  
*Peace comes through rejoicing continually and repeatedly*
- 4 Step 4:**  
*Peace comes through a strong gentleness*

- 1 Therefore,  
my brothers,  
you whom I love and long for,  
my joy and crown,  
that is how you should stand firm in the Lord,  
dear friends!
- 2 I plead with Euodia  
and I plead with Syntyche  
to agree with each other in the Lord.
- 3 Yes, and I ask you,  
loyal yokefellow,  
help these women  
who have contended at my side  
in the cause of the gospel,  
along with Clement  
and the rest of my fellow workers,  
whose names are in the book of life.
- 4 Rejoice in the Lord always.  
I will say it again:  
Rejoice!
- 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all.  
The Lord is near.