



Peace At Last Ministries (PALM)

Sharing God's comfort with the terminally-ill, their loved ones and caregivers.

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Is God safe?

TRACT UPDATE: In our last eGlimpse, we announced a new gospel tract/brochure in the making. Its working title, *"How can I know God is at peace with me?"* evolved in response to hospice patients who would ask, *"How can I make peace with God?"* The pamphlet was designed to help answer these questions in a biblical and meaningful way.

After receiving helpful suggestions and comments from a test-group of individuals, this work-in-progress has undergone significant revisions including the much-distilled title, *"Is God safe?"*

An electronic version of, *"Is God safe?"* is attached to this email letter. Sample hard copies will soon be mailed out also. It is now time to field test this tract in a broader way. The intended audience is much wider in scope than just those approaching end of life. Perhaps there is someone in your sphere of influence who might benefit from its timeless message.

TITLE BACKGROUND: To refresh your memory, the title stems from a conversation written by C. S. Lewis in his novel, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. In a dialogue between Mr. Beaver and Susan, Mr. Beaver explains,

"Aslan is a lion—the Lion, the great Lion."

"Ooh," said Susan. "I'd thought he was a man. Is he quite-safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion..."

"Safe?" said Mr. Beaver. "Who said anything about safe? Course he isn't safe. But he's good..."

Lewis here masterfully portrays the holy God of the Bible as a majestic, powerful lion. Like Susan, my hospice patients can be rather nervous, even fearful about meeting "the Lion" of heaven. Despite their peace-making efforts, fears remain; they hope 'God is safe.' Thus, the succinct question invites the reader to consider the Bible's answer.

The lamb, as pictured on the cover, is totally safe in the presence of a not-so-safe lion. This illustrates the point C.S. Lewis makes, that the believer in Jesus Christ can rest knowing he/she is truly safe from judgment, *not* because God *'is safe'* but because God is incredibly good! The tract explains how one can,

"...be found in Him [Jesus], not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;" Philippians 3:9

It is *"in Him"* that we share in the righteous state of our resurrected Savior. *"In Him"* we are indeed safe from any and all judgment. Like the lamb in the photo, we can rest knowing *'the Lion'* of heaven is truly at peace with us.



PICTURE PROJECT: It's often been said,

“A picture is worth a thousand words.” The picture of the lion and the lamb laying peacefully together has served well in my hospice chaplain ministry to illustrate the relationship of peace and safety that exists between God and the believer in Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately, our licensed use of the current lion and lamb image on the tract expires a year from now and cannot be renewed. Thus, after prayerful consideration and some amazing contacts, I found myself in a photographic studio in California on June 16th together with a mature African lion and with two dear family friends—John Napper, an action photographer from Australia, and Don Dolton, a fine-art specialist from Canada. I've worked with both these men in the past.



The result of our combined creative skills, coupled with one accommodating lion, is that we now have a robust library of photographic images that belong to PALM. These will serve well in several planned projects including a short 12–13-minute video presentation of *Is God Safe?* It's also lambing season in Australia which means those photos will soon be added to the PALM library of image resources.

Please be praying for creative wisdom and for God's provision as we bring these projects to fruition.



Speaking of a picture's worth, I'm thinking this picture of myself with a ½ ton Kodiak Brown Bear, is worth at least a thousand words, maybe even two! From firsthand experience I can now tell you this bear had a very wet nose! Your imagination, I'm sure, will have no trouble finding more words! Captions, anyone?

LOST RING DETECTIVE: Kathleen joined me recently when I recovered my 100th lost jewelry item in a lake, a gentleman's wedding ring. This story will be added to our upcoming *Lost Ring Detective* presentation in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. We are looking forward to the opportunities this presentation will give in sharing my greatest discovery of all—God's saving grace through Jesus Christ.

Thank you again for your continued prayers and support. We are immensely encouraged in all God is doing in and through Peace At Last Ministries, this by His grace and enabling. May God encourage you in turn by all that is true of each one of us “in Him.”



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