

PPT The Heart Of Christmas Series Week 2

“Peace From God”

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The Wonderful Offer of Peace

PEACE

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace**.

Isaiah 9:7 Of **the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end**, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

- There was only one person whose very life meant “peace.” That is Jesus Christ, the Prince of peace.
- Isaiah prophesied concerning the "prince of peace" (Isa_9:6), whose kingdom was to introduce a government of "peace" (Isa_9:7).

Strong's - Peace - H7965- שָׁלוֹם - shâlôm - "peace; to be complete; welfare; health; prosperity; to be sound; safe and rest"

Only Jesus, the Prince of Peace can give “the peace ... which passes all understanding” The Peace of God Will Keep You

Philippians 4:7 - And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

- **Passes - G5242 - ὑπερέχω** - huperechō - hoop-er-ekh'-o - From G5228 and G2192; to hold oneself above, that is, (figuratively) to excel; participle (as adjective, or neuter as noun) superior, superiority: - better, excellency, higher, pass, supreme.
- **The Peace of God excels above and is superior to our understanding.**

Keep – Greek word G5432 – φρουρέω - phroureō -froo-reh'-o - From a compound of G4253 and G3708; to be a watcher in advance, that is, to mount guard as a sentinel (post spies at gates); figuratively to hem in, protect: - keep (with a garrison).

- **The Peace of God will keep you on every side.**
- **Whenever we fully trust the Lord there IS PEACE**

The first announcement of the arrival of Jesus in Bethlehem

Luke 2:8-9 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

Luke 2:10-11 Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:12-14 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

1. THE PEACE OF GOD IS FOR ALL PEOPLE

The Role That Jesus Plays in Making Peace

Colossians 1:19-20 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Colossians 1:21-22 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—

- Being reconciled to God is the key to experiencing peace in every other area of our lives.

2. JESUS RECONCILES US TO GOD

“Peace does not mean you won’t have any problems. Peace means that your problems won’t have you.” Dr. Tony Evans

3. PEACE IS OUR PURPOSE

Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

Jesus’s birth offers us peace in the middle of our difficulties and stresses.

Peace is not the absence of conflict; it is the presence of Christ.

The God of Peace will Crush Satan

Romans 16:20 - The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

- Peace = Greek 1515 – from a primary verb to join; prosperity, one, peace, quietness, rest, to set at one again.
- Bruise = G4937 suntribo- to crush completely, to shatter, to break (in pieces), broken to shivers

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.

Challenge:

- A. Think about ways in which you can be a peacemaker.
- B. Take time to share with God the stresses of your life and trust that His favor is on you today. He longs to bring you peace.