Good Tidings of Great Joy!





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Peace on Earth!

"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11).

We read, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27). "Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him." (Isaiah 57:19).

The promise of peace is to all, whoever you may be, wherever you may be. This peace is not disturbed by circumstances, sickness, poverty or trials, but it is an abiding peace. A cat when it is well fed, lies down and has peace, but as soon as a strange dog appears the peace is gone. That is like the peace the world gives.

Some seek peace on the mountains; some in a secluded place by a river or lake. Some seek it in strong drink and others seek peace through entertainment and pleasure but none of these things give abiding peace. There is One alone who can give peace and he is called, "The Prince of peace." (Isaiah 9:6).

Prince of Peace

This is a prophecy of the Lord Jesus Christ written 700 years before He was born in Bethlehem. At His birth the angels announced: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!" (Luke 2:14).

Jesus Christ came to bring peace, not to the world as a whole, but to those who repent of their sins, their pride, unbelief, disobedience, lust, covetousness, deceit and loving pleasure more than loving God, as well as evil thoughts and impurity. Without turning from these things there can be no peace.

"But the wicked are like the troubled sea when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." (Isaiah 57:20-21).

You can be forgiven this moment, justified and accounted righteous before God. All your burden of sin will be gone for ever. You can be reconciled and have Peace

with God if you will believe on Him. He will become your life and righteousness.

Peace with God

Jesus Christ:

- Died to pay the penalty of your sin
- Was buried to put away your past sins
- · Rose again to come and live in you

We read, "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1). This peace you can have now if you will repent of all your sins and ask the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive and cleanse you in His precious Blood. As soon as you are forgiven he will come to dwell in you. Then you will receive peace like a river, flowing into you.

"For thus saith the LORD, "Behold, I will extend peace like a river." (Isaiah 66:12).

Do not be deceived into thinking you can have this peace without knowing your sins are forgiven. May you experience His abiding peace today by repenting of your sin and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour.