

## CHRISTMAS 2022 / THE KING OF PEACE

HOW OFTEN DO YOU WORRY? STRESS? HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU SPEND MEDITATING ON YOUR ISSUES? WE SPEND HOURS MEDITATING ON PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS. CREATING SCENARIOS, MANY OF WHICH WILL NEVER EVEN REMOTELY COME INTO FRUITION. JESUS IS THE GOD OF PEACE. NOT ONLY IS HE THE SACRIFICE THAT GETS US INTO THE FAMILY, BUT HE IS THE VERY REWARD WE RECEIVE WHEN WE DENY OURSELVES AND LIVE FOR HIM. THE PROPHET ISAIAH, ABOUT 700 YEARS BEFORE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST HAD THIS TO SAY:

Isaiah 9:6-7 ESV

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,

on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

PRINCE OF PEACE..NAMES OF HONOR...LIKE "YOUR MAJESTY"

ON VERSE 7

(ORIGINAL HEBREW FOR GOVERNMENT) MISRA  
MEANS DOMINION, RULE

THERE WILL BE NO END TO THE INCREASE OF HIS DOMINION  
AND OF PEACE

LET'S ESTABLISH HIS DOMINION

Colossians 1:15-20 ESV

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

FIRST BORN...RANK NOT ACTUALLY FIRSTBORN...HE'S ETERNAL  
ONLY BEGOTTEN NOT FIRST BEGOTTEN

PREEMINENT MEANS SUPERIOR

INFINITE WISDOM, OMNITIANCE, AND ETERNAL POWER THAT LITERALLY BRINGS LIFE AND SALVATION TO THE DEAD AND THE DAMNED

JESUS DOMINATES LIFE AND EVERYTHING IN IT, THEREFORE, HE IS TRULY THE KING OF PEACE....BUT WHAT KIND OF PEACE ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

**JESUS DID NOT COME TO MAKE YOUR LIFE BETTER**

Matthew 10:34 ESV

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

Matthew 10:38-39 ESV

<sup>38</sup> And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

THIS IS NOT THE JESUS 2.0 THAT IS BEING PREACHED FROM MANY PULPITS TODAY

John 16:33

English Standard Version

<sup>33</sup> I have said these things to you, that **in me** you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

IN CHRIST IS THE DESTINATION..CHRIST IS YOUR PEACE  
HE IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

BECAUSE HIS DOMINION AND PEACE KEEP INCREASING  
WHETHER WE BELIEVE IT OR NOT, LETS LOOK AT WHAT OUR  
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE KING OF PEACE BRINGS:

OBEDIENCE TO HIM AND HIS WORD WILL BRING YOU

- 1.PEACE WITH GOD
- 2.PEACE WITH SELF
- 3.PEACE WITH OTHERS

### 1. PEACE WITH GOD

Romans 3:21-26 ESV

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

KNOW GOD. KNOW PEACE. NO GOD. NO  
PEACE(EVERLASTING)

EVERYONE, DESPERATELY NEEDS TO BE SAVED FROM  
THEMSELVES

Romans 10:9-11 ESV

<sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

WHEN YOUR MOUTH CONFESSES THAT YOUR HEART BELIEVES JESUS CHRIST WAS PERFECT IN EVERYWAY, HE WAS WILLINGLY BEATEN AND CRUCIFIED AS PART OF GOD’S REDEEMING PLAN. A PERFECT GOD/MAN SACRIFICED IN PLACE OF THE HUMANITY THAT FAILED HIM. OUR SINS PLACED ON HIM, OUR PENALTY PAID IN FULL BY HIM AND THE SHEDDING OF HIS BLOOD, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS PLACED ON US...FOREVER

THIS SHOULD BRING ONE TO PEACE...ULTIMATE PEACE  
WHEN YOU ARE RIGHT WITH GOD, YOU MAY REST IN HIS  
ETERNAL PEACE

## 2. PEACE WITH SELF FORGIVENESS OF YOUR PAST

Luke 7:41-48 ESV

<sup>41</sup> “A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?” <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.” <sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup> Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” <sup>48</sup> And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.

PEACE WITH SELF STARTS WITH THE REVELATION THAT YOU  
ARE FORGIVEN...FOR THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE SINS  
AGAINST GOD

FULLY FORGIVEN, FULLY SET FREE, FULLY SAVED FROM SIN,  
DEATH, AND HELL

Romans 12:1-2 ESV

**12** I appeal to you therefore, brothers, <sup>[a]</sup> by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>[b]</sup> **2** Do not be conformed to this world, <sup>[c]</sup> but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>[d]</sup>

ABIDE IN JESUS....ABIDE IN PEACE....WHILE YOU DIE TO YOURSELF

YOU WILL NOT FIND MUCH PEACE WITH OTHERS UNTIL YOU ACHIEVE PEACE WITH YOURSELF

### 3. PEACE WITH OTHERS

Matthew 5:9 ESV

<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

KING JESUS EXPECTS HIS PEOPLE TO CREATE PEACE

John 15:12-17 ESV

<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends **if** you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you

servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

YOU WILL BE STRONGEST WHEN YOU HUMBLE YOURSELF AND SERVE THE OTHER IN THAT MOMENT

YOU CAN'T FIGHT LOVE....LOVE ABSORBS AND CONSUMES IT'S TARGET, LIFTING IT UP AND CARING FOR IT FULLY, COMPLETELY, AND WHOLLY

Matthew 5:43-48 ESV

<sup>43</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



PERFECT / TELEIOS / MATURE, COMPLETE, FINISHED

WE ARE TO NOW PRAY FOR OUR ENEMIES, NOT HATE THEM

HATE AND RESENTMENT COME WITH CHAINS OF BONDAGE  
THE LORD KNOWS THIS....VENGENCE IS MINE SAYS THE LORD

IT WAS HIS JEALOUS RAGE THAT SENT HIS SON TO US IN THE  
FIRST PLACE

Isaiah 9:7 ESV

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Philippians 4:6-7

English Standard Version

<sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer  
and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made  
known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all  
understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ  
Jesus.