

A manger filled with hay, set against a warm, golden background. The manger is dark, and the hay is light brown. The background is a soft, glowing light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.

CHRISTMAS HOPE

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

ISAIAH 9:6-7

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Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Sometimes you have to lose the roof to see the stars.

THE SHALOM OF GOD

SHALOM is because of we have accurate information about JESUS.

SHALOM is in our heart and mind because we are confident in WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT WHO JESUS IS IN US.

Isaiah 11:6-10 In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard and the goat will be at peace. Calves and yearlings will be safe among lions, and a little child will lead them all.

SHALOM is made complete in Christ, finding our purpose, fulfillment, and confidence because we know Jesus and Jesus knows us.

THE PEACE OF GOD

Philippians 4:7 *And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Peace comes when we are CONFIDENT in our BIBLICAL VALUES and IN our relationship with the Lord Jesus and with one another!

Be devoted to one another Rom 12:10

Accept one another Rom 15:7

Care for one another 1 Cor 12:25

Carry each other's burdens Gal 6:2

Forgive one another Eph 4:32

Spur one another on to love and good deeds Heb 10:24

Pray for one another Ja 5:16

Serve one another 1 Peter 4:10

Love one another 1 John 4:11

BIBLICAL PEACE

Transcends: Stands out, overcomes, conquers. All understanding: intellectual

We have PEACE IF we FIRST put our issues into His hands; THEN the Lord can BLESS and give us the gift of His PEACE

HIS PEACE...will guard us AS IF we are protected by a military guard to prevent hostile invasion.

HIS PEACE will guard **Your hearts:** passions, desires, affections. **Your minds:** mental abilities, perceptions and thoughts.

God's word teaches us to be *CONCERNED* about the issues of life rather than *CONSUMED* by them.

THE GIFT OF PEACE

John 14:27 *I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid.*

The Prince of Peace doesn't promise us a flawless life. What He does promise is a personal spiritual peace that passes all understanding so we are not spiritually troubled or afraid!

PEACE AT ANY PRICE

HUNGRY FOR PEACE

Luke 7:36-50 *One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to come to his home for a meal, so Jesus accepted the invitation and sat down to eat. A certain immoral woman heard he was there and brought a beautiful jar filled with expensive perfume. Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them.*

LIVE IN PEACE

When the Pharisee who was the host saw what was happening and who the woman was, he said to himself, this proves that Jesus is no prophet. If God had really sent him, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She's a sinner...I tell you, her sins — and they are many — have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love. Then Jesus said to the woman, your sins are forgiven. The men at the table said among themselves, who does this man think he is, going around forgiving sins?

Your faith has saved you; GO IN PEACE.

PEACE BE WITH YOU

John 16:33 *In the world you will have tribulation, AND I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace.*

John 14:27 *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.*

When Jesus appeared to his disciples after the resurrection, first words: **John 20:19** *Peace be with you.*

