

The Peace of Christmas

Christmas Candlelight Services

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*“The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine...For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given...And he shall be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**.” (Isaiah 9:2,6)*

*“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. 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. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.” 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!” (Luke 2:8–14, NKJV)*

How Jesus Speaks Peace this Christmas

1. JESUS SPEAKS PEACE TO MY **PROBLEMS**.

*That evening Jesus’ disciples went down to the shore to wait for him. ¹⁷ But as darkness fell and Jesus still hadn’t come back, they got into the boat and headed across the lake toward Capernaum. ¹⁸ Soon a gale swept down upon them, and the sea grew very rough. ¹⁹ They had rowed three or four miles when suddenly they saw Jesus walking on the water toward the boat. They were terrified, ²⁰ But Jesus said to them, “**I AM**; stop being frightened! (John 6:16–20, NLT/AMP)*

*“I have told you these things, so that **in me you may have peace**. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33, NIV)*

2. JESUS SPEAKS PEACE TO MY **PAST**.

*“Then Jesus said to her, “**Your sins are forgiven**.” The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; **go in peace**.” (Luke 7:48–50, NIV)*

3. JESUS SPEAKS PEACE TO MY **PAIN**.

²⁵ A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. ²⁸ For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed." ²⁹ Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition. ³⁰ Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?"

³¹ His disciples said to him, "Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, 'Who touched me?'" ³² But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done. ³⁴ And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. **Go in peace. Your suffering is over.**" (Mark 5:25–34, NLT)

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed."
(Psalm 34:18, NLT)

"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."
(Romans 3:23, NLT)

"...God was in Christ, offering **peace and forgiveness** to the people of this world."
(2 Corinthians 5:19a, CEV)

"...God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you **trust in him**..." (Romans 15:13, NLT)

ACTION STEPS:
CONNECT CARD: I PRAYED
GET BAPTIZED

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27, NLT)