





Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.





The Source of Peace: A God Who Is Able (v.20)

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God is able to calm what we cannot calm

- We cannot always calm our circumstances.
- · We cannot always calm our relationships.
- · We cannot always calm our hearts.

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The Holy Spirit produces peace internally

The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in

believers and His power produces:

- · Rest where there was restlessness
 - · Stillness where there was chaos
 - Trust where there was fear
 - Hope where there was despair



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Peace is not the absence of storms but the presence of Christ



The Goal of Peace: God's Glory in the Church (v.21)

"To Him be *glory in the church and in Christ Jesus* throughout all generations..."

Peace makes the church a witness to a restless world when the church is marked by:

- reconciliation instead of division
- gentleness instead of harshness
 - trust instead of anxiety
 - unity instead of suspicion

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Advent peace is generational

The peace Christ brought is meant to ripple outward into families, children, marriages, friendships, churches, and communities generation after generation.



The Fulfillment of Peace: Christ, Our Prince of Peace

Jesus came to make peace between God and sinners

"Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 5:1)

The Fulfillment of Peace: Christ, Our Prince of Peace

Jesus came to bring peace into human relationships

"He Himself is our peace."

Not our plans.

Not our strategies.

Not our boundaries.

He Himself.

Jesus will one day bring ultimate peace