

“Jesus Came to Give Us Peace With God”

Isaiah 9:6

Jesus came to give us peace with God and the peace of God. Today you can discover what you (and everyone else) has been searching for all your life.

Discussion Qs

- 1. What are some of the “things” people are looking for in life?**
- 2. What are some things that people would likely trade to receive true peace?**
- 3. Why are people reluctant to submit to God to receive what they really desire?**
- 4. How does proximity to Christ impact the experience of peace?**

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subject: Jesus came to give us peace

objective: experience peace in Jesus

“For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

(Isaiah 9:6)

I. Jesus is the Prince of Peace

A. Jesus was born as a human child (Luke 1:31)

B. Jesus was recognized as the Son of God (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 3:17)

C. Jesus has all authority (Matthew 28:18)

D. Jesus has a divine nature (Luke 4:22; Matthew 13:54; John 10:30; Colossians 1:16; Luke 2:14)

II. Jesus offers perfect peace

A. Jesus’ peace is not of this world

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” (John 14:27)

B. Jesus' peace is complete

1. shalom: completeness, rest, satisfaction, contentment- even in the midst of trouble

III. Jesus is the path to peace

A. true peace begins by having peace with God

“Our soul was created by God, and exists for God, and is therefore never quiet till it rests in God.” (Augustine)

1. we must have peace **with** God before we can experience the peace **of** God

B. Jesus came to make the way for peace with God (Col. 1:21; Rom. 3:23; Isaiah 53:5; John 1:12; Romans 5:1)

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5)

“You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.” (Isaiah 26:3)

1. peace comes from trusting Jesus in the midst of trouble

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Intro. What are people really looking for in life? Where can it be found? How can you experience it? What if you today you found the gift you've desired all your life?

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A. Who is the Prince of Peace? The Messiah [Anointed One, The Christ]

The prophet Isaiah's message from God of good news for God's people

1. The Messiah shall be born [humanity] Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is

given: This is what we celebrate at Christmas – the birth of the Messiah ...

2. The Messiah shall have all authority and the government will be upon His shoulder:

All authority in heaven and on earth will be established in the Messiah

3. The Messiah's nature and His name will be called To a Jew a name is not simply an identity, a name reveals your nature, character, or essence

a. Wonderful: awesome [ie. beyond description],

b. Counselor: Messiah the guide re all truth

c. Mighty God: Messiah is God, who humbled himself and came to earth as man

d. Everlasting Father: Messiah is the source of eternity and all creation

e. Prince of Peace: Messiah has all authority over peace

B. What is peace and why is it important?

1. Peace refers to: completeness, rest, satisfaction, restoration, or wholeness.

Heb. *Shalom*, Greek *Irene* mean more than the absence of war or conflict.

2. We yearn for peace: our search for peace is a lifetime quest. To obtain, and maintain real peace, we seek the seemingly elusive experience through our accumulation of possessions, prosperity, position, prominence, power, yet it eludes people like children grabbing sunbeams. We are often unaware what we truly seek ...

3. Our sense of peace is conditioned upon circumstances unless there is something reliable that transcends.

a. We look to self, parents, children, friends, career, government, wealth, & discover they are inadequate & unreliable to provide peace. So we consider escape (self-medication or avoidance) or faith, for intuitively we know faith is a possible answer. Leads to two choices:

i. Create a god to provide peace, or submit to the true and living God [either submit to your creator or you will create an unreliable object of worship]

ii. We want peace with self, with others, and may not realize our greatest need is peace with God

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C. How can I experience peace?

1. Jesus offers peace *with* God

a. Until you submit your will to God you are opposed to Him [Rom. 5:10]

b. Until you have peace *with* God you cannot experience the peace *of* God

i. Being opposed to God (an enemy) we deserve the judgment of God, and we can't experience peace until we have assurance that we are right with God

c. Peace with God results from receiving Christ as Savior [Lu. 2:10-14]

i. Peace and salvation are linked such that every time peace is promised in the advent story we are told that Jesus is the way of salvation [Lu. 1:77, 2:11, 29-30]

i. Lu.2:10-11 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.

Luke 2:14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

[message of the angel, and heavenly host to shepherds]**bz exp.

2. Jesus offers the peace of God [Jn. 14:27]

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

a. Jesus' peace is based on confidence in God. Jesus had this peace, because He was sure of the Father and certain of the Father's love, approval, and presence

i. The world offers a false peace based on perception of circumstances

b. Peace is not the absence of trouble, but trusting God

c. Disciples are able to experience peace because they've been with Jesus

** bz exp The night I asked Jesus into my heart, I felt the greatest sense of peace that I've ever known ... it felt like the weight of the world was lifted from my shoulders ... it is the most incredible, and yet indescribable experience ... readily available, yet seldom appropriated. In essence, I found what I was looking for.