

CHAOTIC AND STRESSED

Chaos cannot keep Christ out of Christmas.

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

Prince of Peace:

- Prince (“Sar”) – leader, ruler, commander-in-chief.
- Peace (“Shalom”) – wholeness, completeness, the way “it” should be.

Luke 2:9–14 – Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.” Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, “Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”

Peace is not the absence of conflict; it is the presence of Christ.

Mark 4:35–5:1a (ESV) – On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” They came to the other side of the sea.

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1. Obey what Jesus says.
2. Stay where Jesus is.
3. Worship who Jesus is.

The Result: Our storms will pass, and our salvation will become personal.

Coming soon:

1. **Christmas Eve at DRC:** There's still time to invite your friends and family to attend our Christmas Eve service this Wednesday, December 24, at 2 pm or 4 pm: "Hope Is Here." We can't wait to celebrate the greatest gift with you.
2. **End-of-Year Celebration:** Don't miss next Sunday, December 28, as we close out this unforgettable year with one service at 10 am. We will celebrate with baptisms and reflect on all God has done this year.
3. **21 Days of Prayer and Fasting:** Prepare your heart now for the greatest year of your life. God has something amazing for each of us in 2026. Join DRC as we begin the new year by seeking God's presence like never before. 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting kicks off January 9.