

4 Making Peace With Christ

The Struggle for Christmas that Led to Peace

Isaiah 9:6-7a

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There are two Popular Beliefs today that many are searching for that they will never find apart from Christ, Freedom and Peace!

Isaiah 9: (6-7a) For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end...

I. **The Struggle for Christmas** that Led to Peace was Predicted! (6a) For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

A. **This Prediction** was Fulfilled in Bethlehem (6a) For to us a child is born

Christmas: **Matthew 2:6** "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

B. **This Prediction** was Fulfilled at Calvary (6a) to us a son is given;

Easter: **1 John 2:2** He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

➤ The Son is Given indicates that Jesus will be given as The Ultimate Sacrifice that can save you from the Wrath of God!

Romans 5:9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall **we be saved by him from the wrath of God.**

- **Punishment for sin is Death!** **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, **but** the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- **Your Salvation is FREE!** **Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Gift = **δῶρον** **Meaning:** a gift, present, gifts offered in expression of honor and of sacrifices.

Christmas is the time of year where you exchange Gifts! The Greatest Gift ever given is Jesus Christ!

You Receive this Free Gift from God by Believing in His Son:

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Believe = **πιστεύω** **Meaning:** to think to be True, to place confidence in, to Trust

II. **The Struggle for Christmas** that Led to Peace actually Brought Peace! **(6b)** and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- **Wonderful Counselor** = Marvel at His Advice
- **Mighty God** = God is your Champion, Hero

➤ **Everlasting Father** = The Relationship the Messiah is to have with His people.

➤ **Prince of Peace** = Establishes Permanent Peace

These **four names** of the coming Messiah are an extension of the name **Immanuel (God with us)**

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his **name Immanuel**.

They are not names in the modern sense but Attributes of the one to whom they are given!

We discovered last week that Jesus tore down the Dividing Wall. This gave access to God to anyone **Jew or Gentile**.

Matthew 27:50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. ⁵¹ And behold, the **curtain of the temple** was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

At this point The Age of The **Sacrificial System** was Complete and The **Age of Grace** was just beginning.

III. The Struggle for Christmas that Led to Peace brought Perpetual Peace! (7a) Of the increase of his government and of **peace there will be no end**...

➤ When you first Place your Trust in Jesus Christ you will receive **Eternal Peace**:

Isaiah 32:17 And the **effect of righteousness will be peace**, and the result of righteousness, quietness and

trust **forever**. ¹⁸ My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

- **There is a Problem:** **Romans 3:10** as it is written: "**None is righteous**, no, not one;

No amount of **Human Effort** can produce Righteousness! That is why **You need Jesus** in order to have a **Right Relationship** with God!

- **When Making Peace** with Jesus You will receive The Righteousness of God: **2 Corinthians 5:21** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the **righteousness of God**.
- **Why many Professing Believers** are not experiencing Peace in their lives!

2 Timothy 3:1 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. ² For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; ⁵ holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; and avoid such men as these.

This Christmas Make Peace with Christ so that you can: "And let the **peace of Christ** rule in your hearts" **Colossians 3:15**

Remember The Reason for The Season!

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