

UNEXPECTED CHRISTMAS Pt 2 “Unexpected Peace”

REVIEW

In order to save us, God came to be with us.

PROMISED PEACE

- Peace is the declaration to the Shepherds! (Luke 2:13-14)
- Peace is the promise of Jesus. (John 14:27)

What would bring you peace?

Isaiah 9:6-7 NIV

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it with justice [*mishpat*] and righteousness [*tzadeqah*]
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

UNEXPECTED PEACE

Jesus didn't come to bring God's Punishment, but to restore God's Peace.

- Peace begins with Forgiveness.
- Peace continues in His Presence.

Matthew 3:11-12 NIV

11 “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

PUNISHMENT & PEACE

We default to punishment as a way to deal with our resentment.

Matthew 3:13-15 NIV

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

15 Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness [*dikaiosynē*].” Then John consented.

Isaiah 53:5 NIV

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,

Matthew 3:16-17 NIV

16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

PEACE BEGINS

Peace begins when we are right with God.

Romans 5:1 NIV

Therefore, since we have been justified [*diakioō*] through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

JESUS BRINGS PEACE

This peace doesn't come by threat, but rather by love.

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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