

The Peace that lasts, from the Prince of Peace

Text: John 14:27; 16:33

Introduction:

1. This is the time of the year that many in the world are thinking about Jesus Christ and who He was and what He means to us today.
2. They reflect upon what He has brought into the world and how it affects their lives.
3. **We do know** that our Savior was born in a manger in the little town of Bethlehem. (Birthplace prophesied -- **Micah 5:1-5**; Birthplace fulfilled -- **Luke 2:4-7**) *We do not know* exactly when He was born but it is speculated that it was in the spring sometime – if God would have deemed it necessary as to when He was born, He would have told us in His Holy Scriptures.
4. **We do know** that the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased", at His birth. – **Luke 2:14**
5. **We do know** that He was to have a title of The Prince of Peace – **Isaiah 9:6**
 - a. During this time of year peace becomes a very prominent topic
 - i. World peace
 - ii. Peace in families, among neighbors, etc
6. **We do know** that He came to save the lost – **Matthew 18:11**
7. **We do know** that He died for our sins in His cruel crucifixion on the cross of Calvary – **Romans 5:6-10; 1 Peter 2:24, 3:18**
8. **We do know** that He brought peace into the world – the peace was to be In Him – **John 16:33**; and through Him – **Acts 10:36**
9. This morning we are going to talk about the peace that Jesus gives us.

I. It is not a peace that the world gives – John 14:27

- A. It is superior to all worldly gifts and peace
 1. Some think that they have peace when they don't – **Jeremiah 6:14**
- B. It cannot be given by the smiles of man, nor taken away by frowns.
- C. The peace that Jesus 'surpasses all comprehension' – **Philippians 4:7**
 1. This peace enriches the soul for both time and eternity.
 2. Worldly gifts and praise that bring peace to man are limited to the body and time.
 3. The world gives deceitful vanities that will cheat us.
 4. Jesus gives true blessings that will never fail.
- D. The peace that Christ gives is one that can comfort the broken heart
 1. It is the inward security of the soul, based upon the reconciliation with God.
 - a. This is not necessarily reconciliation with all men – **Matthew 10:34-39**
 2. It is an assurance that God is pleased with us, though the whole world may be displeased.
 3. It is the joy of knowing that God is for us, even if all else is against us – **Romans 8:31**
 4. It is that which gives calmness within while troubles rage without.
 - a. It is our bridge over troubled waters.

II. The results of this peace that Christ gives:

- A. It enabled Peter to calmly and boldly preach Jesus, though they were accused of being drunk – **Acts 2**
- B. It enabled Peter and John to continue to preach Jesus, though forbidden and threatened by the counsel. **Acts 4**

- C. It enabled Stephen to condemn sin, and die calmly as the result. **Acts 6 and 7.**
- D. It enabled Paul to stand before kings, and rulers, even in view of death, and preach Christ and Him crucified.
- E. It will also enable us:
 - 1. To stand fast in the face of all opposition -- **1 Corinthians 15:58.**
 - 2. To hold forth the word of life without murmuring -- **Philippians 2:12-16.**

III. Jesus will give this peace to all that obey Him

- A. To both Jews and Gentiles -- **Ephesians 2:14-18; Colossians 1:19-23.**
- B. We must overcome the world as Jesus overcame the world -- **John 16:33; 1 John 5:4,5.**
 - 1. In the world there is tribulation.
 - 2. Christ lived in the world and overcame it -- **Matthew 4:1-12; Hebrews 4:15.**
- C. The world offered Him much:
 - 1. Satan offered Him power and glory.
 - 2. People tried to make Him king -- **John 6:15.**
 - 3. Yet He put His enemies to shame.
 - 4. He overcame evils and arose triumphantly.
- D. The world offers us much:
 - 1. We can overcome by following Christ's example -- **1 Peter 2:21,22.**
 - 2. We can have peace with our conscience, if we obey the Lord -- **1 Peter 3:21.**
 - 3. To be at peace with God is to please Him -- **Luke 2:14.**
 - 4. Obey God in all things and His peace will rule your hearts -- **Colossians 3:15-17.**
 - 5. We can have unity in peace -- **Ephesians 4:1-3.**
 - 6. Without obedience there is no peace -- **Jeremiah 6:13,14.**
 - 7. But God will keep those in peace who keep their minds upon Him -- **Isaiah 26:3,4.**
 - a. **Yes**, let us *"Trust and Obey, for there is no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey"*..

Conclusion:

- 1. Can you truthfully say that you are at peace now?
- 2. If you are not a Christian, then you do not have lasting peace.
- 3. Why not make peace with God now?
- 4. **Now is the day of salvation** – not tomorrow, not next week, nor next month, nor next year – but, **NOW**.
- 5. Today won't you have an everlasting peace with God by obeying His commands by believing that Jesus is the Christ (John 8:24), repenting of your sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38), confessing His Name before men (Acts 8:37), being immersed for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38) and remaining steadfast until the end (Acts 2:42).
- 6. **YES**, you can have peace today – because God said so in His Holy Word.