

THE PEACE OF CHRISTMAS

The world must see some of our claims as unrealistic when it comes to what they claim.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Peace on earth, Good will to men

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. **Luke 2:14 KJV**

And in despair I bowed my head

There is no peace on earth I said

For hate is strong and mocks the song

Of peace on earth, good will to men (I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day)

How do we deal with the absence of peace on earth in the light of the Christmas message

The reality is God is not wishing peace for the earth.

This is the announcement that Peace Himself had come.

Peace arrived and is now lying in a manger in Bethlehem.

Isaiah 9:6 NLT

Jesus is the Prince or the Ruler over peace.

Isaiah 26:3 NLT

Trusting in God, and the NT sense, trusting in Jesus keeps us in peace.

The world may be going crazy, but those in Christ have peace.

Ephesians 2:14a (NAS) ***For He Himself is our peace . . .***

I. GOD'S PROMISE OF PEACE IS NOT TO EVERYONE.

Luke 2:14 NLT

Luke 2:14 NIV

Let's pull this together.

God did not wish or bestow peace on the earth to everyone.

God sent Jesus, who is God Himself, and who is Peace,

to those people who believe in Him, and receive Him.

Now here is the cold reality,

with Jesus there is peace, without Jesus there is no peace.

Why is there no peace on earth?

Most people in the world are without Jesus.

Jesus is peace.

God is not wishing peace, but God sent His peace to those who will receive Him.

The promise is only to those upon whom His favor rests.

II. GOD'S PROMISE IS ABOUT PEACE WITH HIM.

Ephesians 2:12d-14a NLT

The work of Christ

Col. 1:17-20 NLT

The results are Peace with God and peace with each other

III. WHEN WE ARE AT PEACE WITH GOD

WE CAN HAVE PEACE IN THE MIDST OF TROUBLE.

Philippians 4:6, 7 NLT