

Christ our Peace

“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” (Isaiah 9:6).

Peace, might not be the word you use to describe the Christmas season... With all the hustle and bustle of school plays, work parties, shopping, jolly festivities, and family gatherings, Christmas may seem full of everything but peace. However, the very essence of Christmas centers on the miraculous birth of the Prince of Peace. Yes, Christmas is all about peace. The everlasting peace that the God of Peace has brought and offered to humanity through “the blood of His cross” (Colossians 1:20). And so, amid all the stress, and going and blowing that tends to come with the holiday highs of Christmas, don’t forget to be still, know, worship, rejoice, and abide in the Lord of Peace!

As we light the peace candle, this Advent season, may you meditate on these peace points that are yours in Christ Jesus:

- By your faith in Jesus, the Prince of Peace, you will forever have peace with God!

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1).

- Your peace in Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is greater than any artificial peace that the world may try to offer...

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid” (John 14:27).

- No matter your race, family heritage, nationality, cultural makeup, or differences, there can be peace between brothers and sisters in Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

“For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility” (Ephesians 2:14).

- In all decisions, circumstances, and situations that you face, let Jesus, the Prince of Peace, rule in your heart.

“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful” (Colossians 3:15).

- In Jesus, the Prince of Peace, you will be equipped and made able to do whatever it is that God calls you to do.

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen” (Hebrews 13:20-21).

“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all” (2 Thessalonians 3:16).

Respect the Blood,
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