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Christ the King of Peace

Christmas: a message that points to the peace that Christ provides.

Isaiah 9:6-7

“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. Of the increase of His government and of peace, there will be no end, and the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.”

The Christmas message is one of hope but also a message of peace that is offered through Christ for us.
How can we have hope and peace when we live in a world of strife?

Christ came to a fallen world that continually faces strife.

- a) When Christ was promised, He was promised to a world in chaos.
- b) When Christ came, He came to a world in chaos.
- c) Until Christ returns, we wait in a world that suffers chaos.

Christ, Promise of Peace.

- ❖ Christ is promised throughout the Scriptures as the One who will provide peace to a world full of corruption, chaos, injustice, and pain.

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↳ This is a promise of peace that will eventually become complete.

📖 Isaiah 61:1-4

↳ This peace is the result of freedom, justice, and purpose.

📖 Luke 1:67-79

↳ Jesus is promised as the way to peace.

Christ, Prince of Peace.

- ❖ Christ came as a man of peace, not operating in justice and wrath, but in peace, establishing a relationship with man.

Isaiah 42:1-4 “Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights; I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up His voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed He will not break, and a faintly burning wick He will not quench; He will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for His law.”

↳ He is promised as someone who will establish justice in a peaceful way.

Luke 2:8-14 “And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,

who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!'"

↳ When God revealed His glory in Christ, He revealed Himself in a peaceful way through a baby.

Luke 15:1-3 "Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.' So He told them this parable:"

↳ Jesus ministered to everyone and tried to bring peace within the divided groups of people.

Romans 5:1-2 "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

↳ The greatest provision of peace through Christ is the peace we are able to have with God.

Christ, Provider of Peace.

❖ Christ's work on earth accomplished the provision of peace that is impossible for us to produce.

Colossians 1:19-20 "For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross."

↳ His provision of peace was through the blood that He shed at the cross.

📖 Ephesians 2:11-22

↳ We are provided with peace through the gospel of Jesus in order for us to be fellow citizens, saints, and members of the household of God.

John 14:26-27 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. 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."

↳ The Spirit of God in us gives us internal peace in any circumstance.

Ephesians 4:1-3 "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."