

He Is Peace

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"But you, Bethlehem Ephratah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall **He** come forth unto **Me** who is to be Ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Therefore He shall give them up, until the time that she who travails has brought forth; then the remnant of His brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. And **He** shall stand and shepherd in the strength of the LORD; and in the majesty of the Name of the LORD (Yahweh) **His** God they shall abide; for now **He** shall be great unto the ends of the earth; and **This-Man Shall Be Peace.**" (Micah 5:1-5)

This-Man: from the Hebrew word **zeh** which means: a masculine singular pronoun: this-man, or this-one: the one *who is to be Ruler in Israel*: Jesus! The One *whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting*: speaking of Messianic prophecy about Jesus! The One *Who shall stand and shepherd (by pasturing-feeding His flock) in the strength of the LORD* (Yahweh: God the Father): Jesus! This Man, Jesus, shall be Peace!

Shall Be: from the Hebrew word **wə·hā·yāh** which means: shall-be, or will-be; a promise of God speaking prophetically of the coming Christ Jesus; as it says:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace.** Of the increase of His government **and peace** there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever." (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Since Jesus has come, and will come a second time, it can now be said that Jesus *is* Peace! It is a personal attribute of our Lord and Savior! It is this attribute of Christ Jesus that believers have when He abides in us, and believers abide in Him!

Peace: from the Hebrew word **shalom** a noun which means: peace, the state of being in completeness, welfare, well-being, safety, rest, prosperity; all of these summarized in our english word Peace! From from **shalam**: meaning safe; to be safe in mind, body, or estate. This peace is illustrated in the this proverb: "*The Name of the LORD (Yahweh) is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it, and is safe.*" (Proverbs 18:10) What is said here of the Father, can also be said of His Son Jesus! The righteous people in Him, and Him in the righteous people: safety and peace! (opposites of Peace include: a troubled heart, agitation, distress, anxiety, irritation, conflict, strife, warfare, fear, etc..)

Jesus is Peace! We have His Peace only when we have Him! Him in us, and us in Him! We walk and abide in Christ Jesus by faith, and not by sight; nor by fretting about adverse circumstances. Jesus is our Peace because He is Peace! When the Spirit of Christ Jesus abides in us, then the fruit of His Spirit: 'Peace' abides in us! When Jesus, who is Peace, abides in us and we abide in Him, then rest, safety, well-being, ..., shall be ours in Christ Jesus!

The Peace that is Jesus verses fear, trouble, and tribulation:

"But the Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send **in My Name**, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. **"Peace** I leave with you, **My Peace** I give unto you; not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid." (John 14:26-27)

Jesus said, "Behold, the hour comes, yes, and has now come, that you shall be scattered, every man to his own-place, and shall leave Me alone; and yet I am not alone, **because the Father is with Me.** These things I have spoken unto you, **so that in Me you might have peace.** In the world you shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; **I have overcome the world.**" (John 16:32-33)

The Peace that is Jesus verses separation from God:

"Therefore being justified by faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**; through whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation works patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope. And hope does not make (us) ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the **Holy Spirit** who is given unto us." (Romans 5:1-5)

The Peace that is Jesus verses heavy laden restless souls:

Jesus said, "**Come unto Me**, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **Take My yoke upon you, and learn of (about) Me**; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and **you will find (peaceful) rest unto your souls.**" (Matthew 11:28-29)

The Peace that is Jesus verses ethnic division:

"Remember, that you being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called 'uncircumcision' by those who are called the circumcision (Jews) in the flesh made by hands; that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, **having no hope**, and without God (athiest) in the world. But now **in Christ Jesus** you who sometimes were far off are brought near in the blood of Christ. **For He is Our Peace**, who has made both (Jew & Gentile) one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation between us; having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in Himself of two one new man, **thus making Peace!**" (Ephesians 2:11-15)

Pseudo Peace:

Jesus did not come to send (physical) peace on the world; rather He came to be our peace inwardly, within the hearts of believers in Him: Him in believers, and believers in Him: and thus peace in believers, even in the face of adversity and persecution. As it says:

"**Think not that I have come to send peace on earth**; I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be those of his own household. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take up his cross, and follow after Me, is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life shall lose it: and he who loses his life for My sake shall find it (in Jesus, in Peace)." (Matthew 10:34-39)

Our part:

For peace Put on Christ Jesus:

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and **let us put on the armor of light**. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But **put you on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make no provision for the flesh, as to it's lusts ." (Rom. 13:12-14)

"For you are all the children of God **through faith in Christ Jesus**. For as many of you who have been baptized into Christ: **have put on Christ**. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for **you are all one in Christ Jesus**." (Galatians 3:26-28)

For Peace put on the full armor of God:

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord (Jesus), and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Therefore, take unto you the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girted about **with truth (which is in Jesus)**, and having on the breastplate of righteousness **(which is in Jesus)**; and your feet shod with the preparation of **the good-news of peace (which is in Jesus)**. Above all, taking the shield of faith **(which is in Jesus)**, with which you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take **the Helmet of salvation (which is in Jesus)**, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God**; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." (Ephesians 6:10-18)

For Peace Seek you first the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness:

"Therefore take no thought, saying, 'What shall we eat?' Or, 'What shall we drink?' Or, 'With what shall we be clothed?' For after all these things do the nations seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things. **But seek you first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.** Take therefore no thought for tomorrow; for tomorrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil of it." (Matthew 6:31-33)

"**Be careful for nothing**; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the **Peace of God (in & through Jesus)**, which surpasses all understanding, **shall keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus**. Whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things**. Those things, which you have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in Me, **do**, and **the God of Peace shall be with you.**" (Philippians 4:6-9)

"Now the **Lord of Peace Himself (Jesus)** **give you peace always** by all means. The Lord be with you all." (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

Jesus Shall Be Peace

Now, indeed, Jesus is Peace !

He is the Peace of God that surpasses all understanding !

Jesus is the Peace of God that keeps our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus !!

His Peace is not the kind of peace that is of the world!

Rather He is the Peace wherein we find true rest for our souls !

Jesus You are our Prince of Peace !

In You we have Your Peace !

All praise to You – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit !!!

May Your Peace within us shine forth – so that those who have not Your Peace ...

... so that they may truly desire Jesus who is Peace !!

Amen ! And Amen !!