

PEACE ON EARTH

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“... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.” **Isaiah 9:2-7**

“Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”” **Luke 2:13-14**

What does God mean when he promises peace?

Shalom (Heb.), inner state of well-being; reconciled relations; wars ending; equity, equality and fairness.

1. Peace WITH GOD.

“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.” **Colossians 1:19-20** (2 Cor. 5:19)

“Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.” **Romans 5:1** NLT

2. Peace WITHIN.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” **John 14:27**

3. Peace IMPARTED TO OTHERS.

“If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you.” **Matthew 10:13**

When someone is loved well, it’s sets them at peace inside.

4. Peace ON EARTH—we work to end hostilities.

Shalom-makers. Everyday peacemakers.

“that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.” **2 Corinthians 5:19-20**