

The Message of Peace

Luke 2:1-20

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True peace seems to be _____. When Isaiah prophesied in 9:6 that the Messiah would be the Prince of Peace and the angels declared peace on earth in Luke 2:14 as they _____ the birth of the Son of God, why did Jesus say in Matthew 10:34, “Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a _____.”? Is the Christmas story only about _____ a dream of peace that can never be realized? God’s Word gives us the answer!

A. A _____ Definition of Peace

1. The _____ Greek word: *eirene* (similar to *shalom* in the Old Testament)
 - a. The _____ of war and dissension
 - b. Among individuals, peace and _____
 - c. Wholeness, _____, well-being, prosperity
 - d. Metaphorically – peace of mind, _____, arising from reconciliation with God and a sense of divine favor
2. _____ associated with God’s presence among His people
 - a. Linked in the Old Testament with the _____
 - b. The presence of peace was _____ based on Israel’s obedience.
 - c. Peace refers to the _____ of blessing the Savior brings, and is essentially synonymous for _____.

B. Satan’s _____ Message of Peace

1. We should all just _____.
 - a. There is no _____ truth.
 - b. Every man should do what he _____ is right.

2. Man can _____ out peace on his own.
 - a. _____ between governments
 - b. _____ of theological truths in religions
 - c. _____ & self-reflection between individuals

C. God’s _____ Message of Peace Between Himself and Man

1. Sin has caused a problem which only God can _____.
2. The remedy is in the _____, sacrificial Lamb of God.
 - a. Jesus was _____ like us. Galatians 4:4-5
 - b. He _____ up like us. Luke 2:52
 - c. He was _____ like us. Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:21
 - d. He _____ like us.
3. Jesus came to _____ for our sin.
 - a. To demonstrate God’s _____ (John 15:13; Romans 5:8)
 - b. To _____ the penalty for our sins (2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24)
4. Jesus rose from the dead and lives _____.
He is LORD!
 - a. God’s _____ to Jesus:
 - (1). He _____ Him. (“Salvation is of the LORD”)
 - (2). He _____ Him to the top honor of the universe.
 - b. Man’s response is _____ to realize true peace.
 - (1). _____ that Jesus is really God.
 - (2). _____ that He has everything under control.
 - (3). _____ all of your life to Him and His lordship.

Romans 10:9-10