

PEACE

Have you ever wondered -- "Exactly what is PEACE?" Do we have PEACE on this earth today? Where can we find REAL PEACE?

In the UN? In the League of Nations? In Washington, Europe, the Middle East, or the Capitals of the World? -- NO! -- NO! -- NO!

Real PEACE seems to evade the world today -- then what real hope do we have?

What is PEACE? According to the dictionary it is -- *"Freedom from war; a treaty or agreement to end war; freedom from public disturbance; law and order; harmony; calm; quiet."* Sounds good doesn't it -- but do we have it today?

The Old Testament Prophet Isaiah tells us, *"God will keep us in Perfect Peace -- IF -- our minds are continually centered on Him"* (Isaiah 26:3).

Sounds too Simple? -- Too Easy? -- Impossible?

Let's dig deeper in our pursuit of PEACE in the most reliable source of information -- the Bible -- the Word of God --

At the announcement of the Birth of the Christ Child the Angel of God said -- *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth PEACE and good will toward men"* (Luke 2:14). Herein is the secret to real Peace -- the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Well then, you may say -- He came to earth but there is still no Peace -- what's wrong? Very simple. God did His part -- Jesus did His part -- but -- man has failed to do his part -- that is, to accept Jesus Christ as the Savior of the World, the Only Way to Peace, Forgiveness, Salvation, and Eternity in Heaven.

This world will never see real Peace until we acknowledge our own helplessness, our own depravity, our own utter dependence on a Higher Power -- the Creator of the Universe -- God Himself!

Jesus said, *"Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give to you -- not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"* (John 14:27).

He also said, *"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have Peace. In the world you will have tribulation -- but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33).

The Apostle Paul said -- *"Having been Justified by Faith, we have Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (Romans 5:1).

