GOD'S LOVE, JOY, PEACE

GOD PROVIDED FOR COMPLETE PEACE BY SENDING HIS SON TO DIE FOR MAN'S SINS

1st Advent: For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; Isaiah 9:6a

"He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16b

JESUS Provided COMPLETE PEACE: 1st PEACE <u>WITH</u> GOD – Reconciliation (SALVATION)

2nd PEACE <u>IN</u> GOD – Security (ETERNAL SECURITY)

3rd PEACE <u>OF</u> GOD – Contentment (ENJOYMENT)

PEACE WITH GOD must be obtained (by grace through faith) before there can be **PEACE IN/OF GOD** (For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Eph 2:8)

1. Christ's Birth Proclaimed Luke 2:13,14

Suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth **peace among men** with whom He is pleased" (Hebr 11:6a Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is)

- 2. Christ Child's Presentation at the Temple Luke 2:28-32
 - Simeon took the child Jesus into his arms, and blessed/worshipped God, and said, 29 "Now Lord, Thou dost let Thy bond-servant **depart in peace**, according to Thy word; 30 For my eyes have seen Thy salvation, ... 32 A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel."
- 3. Christ's Palm Sunday Entry into Jerusalem Luke 19:36b-38
 - They were spreading their garments in the road. ... 376 and the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, 38 saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord; **Peace in heaven** and glory in the highest!"
- 4. Jesus Christ Prepared His Disciples for His Crucifixion & Ascension John 14:27 "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, nor let it be fearful." (see also John 16:33)
- 5. Jesus Christ Provides PEACE WITH GOD RECONCILIATION to the Redeemed Col 1:19,20a For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fulness to dwell in *Christ Jesus*, 20 and **through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross**; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. (eirenopoieo: to be a peace maker, make peace, harmonize)
- 6. Jesus Christ Grants PEACE IN GOD SECURITY to the Redeemed 1st Thess 5:23,24 Now **may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely**; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass. (see also John 10:28-30)
- 7. Jesus Christ Grants PEACE OF GOD CONTENTMENT to the Redeemed 2nd Thess 3:16 Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all! (see also Phil 4:7 & Col 3:15)
- 8. Jesus Christ is, for the Redeemed, our Priest forever and thus our King of Peace Hebr 7:1,2 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, ... 2b was first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is **King of Peace**.
- 9. 2nd Advent: Jesus Christ Rules as King Over the Earth Millennial Kingdom Isaiah 9:6b,7a The government will rest on His shoulders; **His name will be called** Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, **Prince of Peace**. **There will be no end to the increase of His government or of Peace**.

Now **the God of Peace**, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. Hebr 13:20,21

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Point 4. Jesus Preparing His Disciples

John 16:33

Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you, **that in Me you may have peace**. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

Point 6. Peace In God

John 10:28-30

Jesus said, "And I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."

Point 7. Peace Of God

Phil 4:7

And **the peace of God**, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Col 3:15

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.