

# PEACE & JOY

## Chapter 23, *Believe*

**PEACE & JOY were lost/forfeited/squandered for all mankind** by the SIN of the first Adam.

And to Adam the *LORD God* said, "Because you ... have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it;' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground" Genesis 3:17-19a

**PEACE & JOY are restored to all who by faith believe** in the SAVING WORK of the last Adam/*Jesus Christ*

Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **PEACE among those with whom He is pleased**\*!" Luke 2:13-14

\* (Now before *Enoch* was taken he was **commended as having pleased God**.

And **without faith it is impossible to please God** for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him. Hebrews 11:5b-6)

For the kingdom of God is ... **righteousness and PEACE and Joy in the Holy Spirit**. Romans 14:17

But **the fruit of the Spirit is LOVE, JOY, PEACE** ... Galatians 5:22a

- o **PEACE WITH GOD** IS THE SETTLED ASSURANCE of our Spiritual/Eternal Standing based solely on: GOD'S GRACE; GOD'S WORK (*Salvation*); GOD'S WORD (*His unbreakable promises*)! (**PEACE IS NOT AN EMOTION!** PEACE is not dependent on circumstances, feelings or moods.)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of PEACE**. Of the increase of His government and **of PEACE there will be no end**. Isaiah 9:6, 7a

*Jesus* said, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; **go in PEACE**, and be healed of your disease." Mark 5:34 (similar: Luke 7:50; 8:48)

Since we have been justified by faith, **we have PEACE with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. Romans 5:1, 2a

**For Christ Jesus Himself is our PEACE**, ... He came and preached **PEACE** to you (*Gentiles*) who were far off and **PEACE** to those (*Jews*) who were near. Ephesians 2:14a, 17

- o **PEACE OF GOD** IS THAT CALM OF MIND that is not ruffled by adversity, overclouded by a remorseful conscience, or disturbed by fear. Charles R. Swindoll, *The Tale of the Tardy Oxcart*

*Jesus* answered, "**PEACE I leave with you; My PEACE I give to you**. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 14:27

*Jesus* said, "I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have **PEACE**. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

May the God of hope fill you with all JOY and **PEACE in believing**, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13 (see also Romans 8:6)

And the **PEACE of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

Now may the **Lord of PEACE** Himself give you **PEACE** at all times in every way. 2Thess 3:16a