

Peace On Earth?

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Matthew 10:34-39 - ³⁴“Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to ‘set^[j] a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; ³⁶and ‘a man’s enemies *will be* those of his *own* household.’ ³⁷He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁸And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

I was reflecting on some of the age old traditional songs that we sing this time of year. I love the songs and the feeling of peace, joy, and holiness that I feel when I hear some of them. Then the phrase “Peace on earth, goodwill toward men” rang in my spirit and I knew that the Lord wanted me to write about it this weekend for you all.

Jesus is indeed our Prince of Peace and He did come to bring peace, but to leave it with us, His people – not to leave it on earth. There are tons of messages about healing the world and can’t we all just get along and striving for peace in a world full of chaos – but dare I go as far as to say that we are not here to bring peace to this world? We are here to share the gospel of Christ and sometimes that can be very violent.

Please hear my heart – I don’t want to come across as the Grinch that stole Christmas peace. I do however, want to point us all to the One Who gives us peace during our times of grief, sickness, depression, struggle, conflict, battle, and/or strife.

Jesus came so that we could have peace with God – so that we could commune with the God of this universe and find peace in knowing our spiritual status is secure. Many times throughout His walk on earth, Jesus had to speak peace to situations. Calamity didn’t stop when Jesus was born. In order for Bible prophecy to come to pass, we have to have so much chaos around us that the enemy will be able to slip in and bring a false peace to this world.

All through the Bible are examples where war, calamity, and chaos are present and each time there is a promise from God to MAN that He will be with them through it and deliver us out of and send us a Helper in our time of need. The Tower of Babel – trying to bring unity to earth – is not going to happen. Trying to bring the lost to Jesus will bring many things – it should bring peace to our soul but Jesus never promised peace on earth.

Jesus IS OUR PEACE.

When we commune with Him and worship Him and give Him our time, He will bring peace to our hearts and minds in order for us to mount up with wings like eagles and have the strength to do what we are called to do. We will have the peace that we need for each day we and we will all be able to say it is well with our souls as we lean on Him for Peace, Love, and Joy. This season is remembering that Jesus Christ was born so that we can have eternal peace. This is a promise as we come to know the Peacemaker – that He will never leave us. That's peace.

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