

PEACE

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I'm not going to talk about the kind of *peace* the world gives, or the *peace* between men or that of nations. I'm going to tell you about pre-determined **Peace**. Pre-determined: by God himself; before the world was.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ...When the angel of the Lord came upon them, and proclaimed: I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to **all** people; for unto **you** is born **this day** in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Lk. 2:8, 9, 10, 11. ... The hosts of heaven witnessed a physical manifestation of what God was doing: The Prince of **Peace** had come into the world; and in seeing it, could not contain themselves. The hosts of heaven broke out in Praise to God. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth *peace*, good will toward men. Lk.2:13, 14.

Once, the whole **world** was in a state of estrangement from its Creator; but when **Peace** came into the world, it thoroughly and completely changed the position of all men. When an individual's heart sees and trusts in the value of Christ's atoning death, he becomes reconciled to his Creator [God the Father].

The way of **Peace**: The means to which men could have *peace* with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. By this means God [the Father] could once again have *peace* with His creation. **Peace** abolished in his flesh the enmity; to make in himself, of twain one **new** man; so making *peace*; that He might reconcile both unto God. In light of what Christ has accomplished; our propitiation; God places full efficacy in the finished work of Christ and accepts it. Through Gods acceptance of it, He remains righteous and the justifier of anyone who believes in Jesus as his reconciliation.

The Sacrificial offering of **Peace** brought forth: the Atonement, Faith, Pardon, adoption and the Holy Spirit.

The Prince of Peace: He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement *needful to obtain our peace* was upon him, and with the stripes *that wounded* Him we are healed and made whole. Isa.53:5. Amplified **Peace** on earth good will toward men. Amen.

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