



Peace Is Proclaimed By The People of God

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Introduction: During this time of the year the world is singing songs of "Peace on Earth." Christmas may be over, but the songs are still playing on the radio. While we may be skeptical about peace on Earth, what hinders us from getting on board with this vision? What's wrong with singing about peace, joy, and love? In this lesson today, we will consider how peace is proclaimed by the people of God. Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. THE PEOPLE OF GOD INITIATE PEACE

Romans 5:1-5, Colossians 1:19-20, Isaiah 9:6-7, Acts 10:36, John 14:27

II. THE PEOPLE OF GOD PRODUCE PEACE

Galatians 5:22-23, Romans 5:1-11, Romans 8:1-17

III. THE PEOPLE OF GOD KEEP PEACE

Luke 15:8-10, Ephesians 2:11-22, Philippians 4:6-7

IV. THE PEOPLE OF GOD EMBRACE PEACE

I Corinthians 14:33, Matthew 5:9, Philippians 4:8-9, Colossians 3:15, Isaiah 26:3

V. THE PEOPLE OF GOD LIVE PEACE

I Thessalonians 5:23-24, Psalm 119:165, John 17, I Corinthians 1:10, Ephesians 4:3, Ephesians 5:21-33, Ephesians 6:1-4, I Peter 3:8-9

*Conclusion: As we close this lesson, I remind you that the Prince of Peace, the Savior of the world, the Messiah is Jesus the Christ. He came to this Earth to bring peace, not just for humanity, but He came to bring peace into your life. He came to calm your storms, quiet your chaos, and comfort your soul. He came to show you love and bring you joy. Then, He died to bring you everlasting peace. Let me read for you some final thoughts from Paul's letter to the Romans that puts this into perspective (**Romans 12:18, 14:16-19, 15:13, 15:33, 16:20**). Do you want this kind of peace? Are you ready to let the God of peace fight your battles for you? Will you accept Jesus, the Prince of Peace, as your Savior? Will you abandon your old life and walk in peace with Him? Will you allow His precious blood cleanse you in baptism? Will you continue to bear the fruit of peace in your life? Let's live peacefully and proclaim peace to the world!*

WORD OF THE DAY = "PEACE"