

I. Why is true peace hard to find in this world?

Isaiah 9:6 NIV ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Prince = Sar (Hebrew): The one in charge, Master, Chief, Commander

Peace = Shalom (Hebrew): Wholeness & wellness in relationships, finances, health and circumstances.

Luke 2:14 NKJ ¹⁴ “ Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, good will toward men!

II. What does Jesus (the Prince of Peace) want us to experience?

1.) His peace in the storm.

II Tim 3:1011 NLT ¹⁰ But you, Timothy, certainly know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance. ¹¹ You know how much persecution and suffering I have endured. You know all about how I was persecuted in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra—but the Lord rescued me from all of it.

2.) His peace beyond the storm.

Rom 5:1 NIV ¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 4:3 NLT ³ Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

III. How can I experience His peace this Holiday Season?

1.) Turn to Jesus the only true source of peace.

John 14:27 NIV ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid

2.) Worship the Prince of Peace.

Acts 7:55, 60 NLT ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed steadily into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at God’s right hand. ⁶⁰ He fell to his knees, shouting, “Lord, don’t charge them with this sin!” And with that, he died.

3.) Ask Jesus and listen.

Mt 7:7 NIV ⁷ “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

4.) Obey Him.

Phil 4:6-7 NKJ ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

IV. Challenge.. This holiday season release peace to others whenever possible.

Prov 12:25 NLT ²⁵ Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up.