

HE IS OUR PEACE

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INTRODUCTION

Eph. 2:11-18

A. REMEMBER WHEN:

1. One morning in December 1941 you picked up the paper and the one word Headline was **WAR!**
2. For the next 4 years the thoughts of war filled our thinking.

B. REMEMBER WHEN:

1. One day the paper came with the one word Headline **PEACE!**
 2. The thoughts that filled the mind when Peace was considered.
 - a. What it means.
 - b. What it Cost!!
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PEACE

A. I want to spend a little time with an abused passage of scripture from the Book of Isaiah chapter 11.

B. READ Isaiah 11:1-6.

1. Clear reference to the coming Christ.
2. *"The Spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon Him"*
 - a. See (Matt.3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22; John 1:32).
 - b. The coming of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus.
3. *"with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth; and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked."*
 - a. That is favor for that which is right.
 - b. Smite the earth...wicked.

C. THE PEACE OF HIS KINGDOM: (Read vs 6-9).

1. Figure drawn from the animal kingdom.
 2. All these hereditary foes now dwell together in peaceful co-existence.
 3. This is not some far off, yet to be, peace. Not something to be found in a literal reign of Jesus here upon the earth.
 4. *This description of Peace and Harmony drawn from the animal kingdom can no more be taken literally than can the description of a rod proceeding out of the mouth of Jesus.
 - a. How completely they miss this message when they picture all of this taking place here on this literal earth.
 - b. They again emphasis the Physical over the Spiritual. Man's physical well being over the salvation of his soul.
 5. This passage teaches that when the Messiah comes...He will bring peace for all those who are in Him.
 6. What Kind Of Peace Does Jesus Bring To Us Today? Let Us Notice:
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WHAT KIND OF PEACE

- A. JESUS SAID: *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful."* (John 14:27).
1. The "Peace" that Jesus gives was not going to follow the same line as the "peace" that the world seeks.
 2. It is not "this world" but "other world."
- B. Some how man still wishes for a "perfect world" a physical peace here and now.
1. Why had man rather live here on this earth, even for extended time, when God has prepared a Heaven for him?
 2. Why is man "more comfortable" with the physical than with the spiritual?
- C. THE PEACE THAT JESUS DESCRIBED IN OUR TEXT: (Eph. 2:14)
1. Peace between Jew and Gentile.
 2. Peace between men.
 3. Peace within our self.
 4. PEACE WITH GOD!!

CAUSE OF CONFLICT

- A. GENESIS CHAPTER THREE:
1. Satan
 2. Sin
 3. *"Therefore Jehovah God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden the Cherubim, and the flame of a sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."* v. 23-24.
- B. WHAT SIN DOES:
1. Separate from God (Isaiah 59:1,2).
 2. *"The soul that sinneth, it shall die"* (Ezek. 18:4).
 3. *"The wages of sin is death"* (Rom. 6:23).
 4. *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* (Rom. 3:23).
 5. How desperately we need Peace!!
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PEACE WITH GOD

A. HOW DO WE OBTAIN PEACE WITH GOD?

1. *"Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."* (Rom. 5:1).
2. *"But now in Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ For he is our peace...."* (Eph. 2:13,14).

B. HOW DID CHRIST MAKE PEACE?

1. *"and through him to reconcile all things unto himself, having made peace through the blood of his cross; through him, I say, whether things upon the earth, or things in heavens."* (Col. 1:20).
2. Left home in Heaven...came to earth, lived a perfect life, and died upon the cross, a sinless sacrifice for man.

C. WHAT IT COST:

1. It Cost God His Son. (John 3:16).
2. It Cost Christ His Life. *"Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross."* (Phil. 2:5-8).

D. HE IS OUR PEACE.....WHAT IT MEANS TO US.

1. *"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus."* (Phil. 4:7).
2. Whatever happens in this world...The Christian has Peace with God... Peace that is Eternal.
3. Read again Isa. 11; Hear is Peace, not just now....But ETERNAL.

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