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THE PROMISE OF PEACE

The Promise of a Savior – Genesis 3 NLT

The Promise of God With Us - Isaiah 7:14 NLT

The Promise of Peace – Isaiah 9:6 NLT

THE PROMISE GIVEN

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

¹ In that day, everyone in the land of Judah will sing this song:
Our city is strong!

We are surrounded by the walls of God's salvation.

² Open the gates to all who are righteous;
allow the faithful to enter.

³ You will keep in perfect peace
all who trust in you,
all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

⁴ Trust in the Lord always,
for the Lord God is the eternal Rock. **Isaiah 26:1-4 NLT**

THE PROMISE FULLFILLED

⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹² And you will

recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." **Luke 2:8-14 NLT**

WHAT IS PEACE?

- There are different types of peace, including false peace, inner peace, financial peace, peace with God, and peace with man.
- Empty promises of peace can be used to manipulate others.
- Real and lasting peace comes from God.

PEACE IS A GIFT FROM GOD

- We can have peace because of what Jesus has done.

¹ Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

Romans 5:1 NLT

- We should make every effort to do what honors God and leads to peace.

¹⁷ Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. ¹⁸ Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. **Romans 12:17-18 NLT**

- Choosing to trust God in all things leads to peace.

⁴ Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! ⁵ Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. ⁸ And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. ⁹ Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you. **Philippians 4:4-9 NLT**

- We have the choice either to trust God's promises (letting His peace rule) or to rely on ourselves and reject the peace He offers.

²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! **Galatians 5:22-23 NLT**

WHEN WE CHOOSE JESUS AND TRUST HIM FULLY, WE CAN HAVE PEACE.