



Mike Mozingo—Lead Pastor Christmas Eve 2023

“PRINCE OF PEACE”

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**

BECAUSE OF JESUS AND THROUGH JESUS WE CAN HAVE PEACE ON EARTH.

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.” ¹⁵ When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” **Luke 2:8-15 NLT**

- This world needing peace is nothing new.
- The Greco-Roman world that Jesus was born into was ruled by a brutal dictator named Nero. Eighty-five percent of the Roman world were slaves.
- With so much chaos and division in the world how can there be

peace?

• How do I experience this peace on earth?

BECAUSE OF JESUS AND THROUGH JESUS WE CAN HAVE PEACE WITH GOD.

⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. **Ephesians 2:8-10 NLT**

BECAUSE OF JESUS AND THROUGH JESUS WE CAN HAVE PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER.

Oneness and Peace in Christ

¹¹ Don’t forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders. You were called “uncircumcised heathens” by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. ¹² In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. ¹³ But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. ¹⁵ He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. ¹⁶ Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death. ¹⁷ He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. ¹⁸ Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us. **Ephesians 2:11-18 NLT**

- When we are united with Jesus, he brings peace.
- The cross of Christ is for all people and brings peace. • There is power though Jesus to put to death any hostility towards others.

BECAUSE OF JESUS AND THROUGH JESUS WE CAN HAVE PEACE WITHIN OURSELVES.

²⁷ “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.” **John 14:27 NLT**

¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all. **2 Thessalonians 3:16 NLT**