

He Shall be Called

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.

Isaiah 9:6



A dark blue, night-time scene depicting a nativity scene. In the center, a wooden manger is illuminated from within. Several figures, including a woman and a man, are visible around the manger. To the right, two animals, likely a donkey and an ox, are silhouetted against the dark background. In the background, there are rolling hills and a few small buildings with chimneys. A bright, multi-pointed star shines in the sky above the manger, with a vertical beam of light extending down to it. The overall atmosphere is serene and peaceful.

*Peace on Earth
Good will to Men*

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And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Not Peace but a Sword (*Matthew 10:34*)

Luke 2:13-14

Not Peace but Division (*Luke 12:51*)

He would go on to expand the idea that this division would impact families

(v. 52-53)



There will be no Peace on Earth

You will hear of wars and rumors of wars but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

Matthew 24:6-8



A night scene of a manger with a bright star in the sky. The scene is dark blue, with a bright star in the center of the sky. Below the star, a manger is visible with several figures and animals. The text "What is Peace?" is written in a white, cursive font across the bottom of the image.

What is Peace?

What's is Peace

We identify peace as fixing the conflict within the human-to-human relationship

We want this conflict resolved by having everybody in agreement

The issue is we are sinful, sin makes us selfish, and selfishness makes us disagreeable

Jesus did not fix this issue instead, true to his word it got worse because now we have disagreement over Jesus



What's is Peace

Definition: to be, become, or keep silent or quiet

We live in a very loud world, and it only seems to getting louder

I don't mean loud as in noisy, but loud as in chaotic

In all the chaos we just look for some place that is calm

But once again that place does not really exist because even in my calmest place, I bring the chaos of my life



Peace on Earth Good will to Men

NIV -- “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

NASB/ESV -- “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased.”

MSG – “Glory to God in the heavenly heights, Peace to all men and women on earth who please him.”



Peace on Earth Good will to Men

It places the idea of peace on a condition of how God sees you

This is an important idea because Jesus did not come to bring peace on earth in the form of human-to-human relationships but instead human to God relationship



A night scene of a manger with a bright star in the sky. The scene is dark blue, with a bright star shining in the upper center. Below the star, a manger is visible, with several figures standing around it. The manger is illuminated from within, and the figures are silhouetted against the light. The background shows rolling hills and a dark sky.

Making Peace with God
Colossians 1:15-18

Jesus Identified - Isaiah 9:6

Jesus is not just a good teacher or prophet; He is the eternal, supreme, divine Son

Isaiah spoke of a child who would carry divine titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

The Messiah would not just represent God; He would be God



Jesus Identified - Colossians 1

He is the image of the invisible God

By Him all things were created

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 1:19-20



Making Peace with God

What does it mean that Jesus is the Prince of Peace?

The peace He brings isn't fragile or surface deep

It's not a temporary calm

**It's reconciliation with God,
accomplished through the deepest
suffering; "by the blood shed on the
cross."**



Making Peace with God

Jesus, in Colossians 1, is not only fully God He is the One who brought peace through a violent and historical act: His own crucifixion. The body born in a manger sacrificed on a cross.

“Peace on earth...” as mentioned in *Luke 2:14* wasn't political or social harmony. It is deeper. It is Eternal.

It is peace with God, the kind of peace only the Prince of Peace (*Isaiah 9:6*) could bring.



Making Peace with God

This peace heaven celebrated is not a temporary ceasefire, but an eternal restoration.

Jesus came to bridge the infinite gap between God and humanity.

**His arrival via his birth was the start of that mission.
His death was the fulfillment of it.**



Making Peace with God

**That is the Christmas twist,
God does not desire you
bring him some superficial
gift purchased with your own
resources. What pleases him
is when you accept the gift,
he offered you**





Are you at peace?
Colossians 1:21-23