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Matthew 1:23 **“the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel”—which means, “ God with us “**



MAY GOD'S PEACE BE WITH US

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Before we begin with this inspired message, may we all take a minute and give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For without His birth, there would be no Eternal Salvation for all us sinners. So Father ,may we all give You thanks and praise for sending Your one and only Son to save our wretched souls. I thank You in Jesus nameAmen.

When I say , may God's peace be with us all, I mean just that. Every day when I turn on my television, radio, or computer , I am hit with everything from all the wars around the world, to every kind of story about violence, to murder, hatred, jealousy, deceitfulness, lewdness, wickedness, etc. It's enough to make you sick in your stomach. In today's society, people from all walks of the earth, seemed to have missed the whole reason why Jesus was even born? They seemed so consumed with so much hatred for their fellow man. Everybody seems to be so sensitive and paranoid with each other. When driving to and from in my car, it seems like most people won't give you a break if they had to. Not only are they selfish, self centered & uncaring, they will even sometimes try to run you off the road. In today's world, to find any real respect for one another, is almost impossible. Every where you go, it seems like everyone is out to screw you for one reason or another. It almost seems to be some kind of universal epidemic!

When I say everybody is out to screw you, I mean the screwing starts from the top of the ladder , and works itself down to the bottom of the ladder in

today's society. In the life of Jesus over two thousand years ago, things were really no different. The same type of violence, murdered, hatred, jealousy, deceitfulness, lewdness, wickedness, etc., were prevalent back then also.

The real problem with all of it is, the fact that we as humans are not learning from all of our past mistakes. It seems like this world is all brain dead, when it comes to these matters. We are progressing today rapidly with electronic technology, but we have not moved one inch forward since day one, with respect to compassion, love and peace for one another.

The Lord Jesus Christ, left us all a legacy of compassion, love and peace for one another to draw upon. His life on earth, demonstrated all of these essential characteristics. In Colossians 3:15 the Lord said, **Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.**

In Philippians 4:7 Jesus said, **And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

In Isaiah 32:17 the Lord said: **The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever.**

In John 14:27 Jesus also said: **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.**

These are just a few of the God's sacred scriptures in the Bible, that we all have to draw upon. Never in the history of this world, has there ever been a better time than now, to start to draw on the Lord's Divine words!

For several years now, I have been continuously preaching to this ministry and on the streets, about the vital importance of drawing on the words of the Lord. The words of man are so foolish, when compared to the word of God. Just look at all the mess that man has gotten himself into, from his defiance to the word of God. This total defiance, is nothing more than man's rebellious attitude against God. This is the same rebellious attitude that Satan and his demons had, when God cast them down from Heaven to earth. To learn more about this rebellion, read Romans chapter 1. As the scriptures clearly state, we are all down in this hell for one reason, and that reason is from sin. When I say that earth is just another word for hell, I mean just that. We are all here with an opportunity to reclaim our Paradise in the Heavens above, through our Savior Christ Jesus. So this Holiday Season and from now on, may we all never lose sight of God's purpose for the birth of our Savior Christ Jesus. For without His birth, death, and resurrection, we would be nothing more than a whole world full of hopeless sinful human beings! Let us pray, Father in preparing us for this Holiday Season, may you fill all of our hearts with the love, peace and joy, of Your Son and our Savior Jesus

Christ. May Your words of peace and love for our fellow man, be front and center in the hearts of all your people, from now and till Eternity. Father I also pray at this time, that You touch the hearts of all of us to be extra generous and kind, to all the poor, the needy, the helpless, the homeless and the broken hearted this Season. And last but not least, my prayer is for Your peace and love to flourish throughout the entire world. I ask this in the name of Christ Jesus, (HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS) hallelujah, Amen...Amen....Amen, I say to you!

DECEMBERS EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

The Joy Of Christmas *By Billy Graham*

Matthew 2:10 **When they saw the star, they rejoiced wity exceedingly great joy.**

Every year people write me saying how much they dread Christmas. Often their complaint stems from how busy they will be, or how much money they will spend.

Did those wise men who journeyed hundreds of miles across the desert to seek out the infant Jesus ever feel that way? After all, it took months to make the arduous trip, and they had gone to great expense to provide gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh for the new child.

I doubt it. In fact, as their journey neared its end we read they had “exceedingly great joy “. What made the difference? Their focus was totally on Jesus, the One who would be called “ Immanuel “,God with us Matt. 1:23 Don’t let this Christmas season overwhelm you. Don’t feel you have to do anything, or go into debt just to impress other people. Focus instead on Jesus. Take time every day to read the prophecies of His coming, and the wonderful story of His birth. Make this Christmas one of “exceedingly great joy”!

SPIRITUAL PROVERBIAL THOUGHTS

Proverbs 29:25 **Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.**

Proverbs 29: 27 **The righteous detest the dishonest; the wicked detest the upright.**

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE SICK & THE LOST

Ray Hart Frank Sarnese Jerry Owens Michael Morales John Baker
Joe Hinley Vince Moschella Tony Scarengelli Janet Neil Kim Kurd

Also special prayer intentions this Holiday Season for all the sick, the poor, the homeless, the persecuted, the broken hearted, the lost, the addicted etc. people of this world. And, a special prayer for our Country, our troops, our leaders and the leaders of this world, May God's peace be with all mankind not only this Christmas, But from this time forward. I as this in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

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May this Holiday Season bring joy, happiness, and a renewed sense of yourself in Christ.

May His birth, have real meaning in your life.

May this Christmas be one of caring and sharing with all the less fortunate people of this world.

May your Holiday be a safe and a meaningful one.

May all of God's children rejoice in the birth of Jesus Christ the Savior of this world.

Merry Christmas to all from the

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P.S. WITH GOD'S GRACE, I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.

