

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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

PEACE ON EARTH

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Dear Heavenly Father above, we thank You, praise You and bless You Lord, for sharing with this ministry Your Divine message each month. Lord, Your continual love and concern for your people is above all comprehension. Lord, instead of giving up on all of us for our sinful ways, instead You patiently await for our spiritual return. Father there is no flaws in Your Ways; Lord Your Will is as pure as the driven snow; Your master plan for Eternal Salvation is perfect. Thanks again Father, for Your Divine presence in our lives. Lord we thank You and praise You in Jesus name. This month's inspired message has to do with peace in the world. First of all, what is the meaning of peace? There are several meanings for the word peace. Peace is a state of calm and quiet. Peace is freedom from disturbing thoughts or emotions. Peace is a state of concord (as between persons or government). Also, peace is an agreement to end hostilities. In this sinful, dark and godless world we live in, it is no wonder that peace is so hard to find and maintain. The world we live in with all its destructive ways, can not and will not ever give us any lasting peace. Over 2,000 years ago in a little town called Bethlehem, the Savior of the world was born, His name was Jesus. The Bible tells us that they will call Him Immanuel, which means, "God with us." Why is there so much controversy over one's man birth? I will tell you why, because Satan and this world that we live in, will do everything in its power to keep mankind from knowing the truth and true meaning of the birth of Christ Jesus. In the Bible, the birth of Christ can be found in Matthew 1:18-25 and also in Luke 2:1-20. The Bible tells us that, unlike any other baby that was ever born on this earth, the One born in Bethlehem that night was unique in all of history. He was not created by a human father or mother. Jesus had a heavenly pre-existence. This Divine information can be found in the book of John 1:1-3, 14. He is God, the Son—Creator of the universe. Philippians 2:5-11. This is why Christmas is called the incarnation, the union of divine and human natures in Jesus Christ. Also, a word which means "in the flesh." in the birth of Jesus, the eternal all-powerful and all-knowing Creator came to earth in the flesh, to bring peace and eternal salvation for all.

The real questions that has been a major stumbling blocks for believing in Christ Jesus is, why would God do such a thing? Another question has been, why would He come as a baby, instead of appearing in power and majesty? Last question that has baffled man since His birth is, why did He make Himself a true man and live among us, when He knew full well how terribly He would be treated ? The answer to this age old question can be found in John 3:16-17 **For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.**

Jesus Christ, is the Son of God and He is the Creator of the Cosmos (John 1:1-3). As God, He is all-powerful and all-knowing. Yet so great was His love for us, His creation, that He humbled Himself greatly for our sake. (Philippians 2:8) This was first seen by man at the birth of Jesus. (Galatians 4:4; Luke 2:7; John 1:46; Hebrews 2:9). Jesus did not come as a powerful king or a superman; He came as a baby dependent on others for His physical care. What was the main reason, that Jesus came in the first place? Christ came to earth exclusively to be a sacrificial lamb for the sins of the world. (John 1:29) Throughout His life, Jesus lived under very humble circumstances- virtually no possessions, no physical wealth, and often dependent on others for food, drink and clothing. The fact that He was God the Son, why did He live such a humble life? There are four more basic reasons why Jesus had to come into this world in such humble circumstances

1. To execute the purpose of God (Acts 2:23,24; Psalms 40:6-8)
2. To fulfill the Old Testament types and prophecies.
3. To satisfy the law, paying for the guilty (Isaiah 53; Hebrews 9:12,15), and obtaining for them eternal redemption.
4. To show all us sinners an example of how to live our lives.

God the Father knew exactly what He was doing, when He sent His one and only Son Jesus down to earth. From a born again believers perspective, God's true purpose for the birth of Christ Jesus, was absolutely perfect and precise, without any flaws. Satan's master plan of spiritual destruction was foiled, when Christ was born. This was the actual beginning of the end for Satan. Even though he still prowls around devouring souls daily, his end is in site. There are a bunch of devil followers out there, working real hard to take Christ out of Christmas. The way the world has been headed lately, it is no surprise to me. I believe that it is a sacrilege to say the least, what these demons are trying to do to the true meaning of Christmas in this country!

My brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ, try and remember this Christmas first and foremost that, Jesus is the only reason for the season! To summarize this month's inspired message, the context of the scripture in Isaiah 9:2-6 means, in the time of great darkness, God promised to send a light who would shine on everyone living in the shadow of spiritual death. He is both "Wonderful Counselor," "Prince of Peace," and "Mighty God" above everybody and everything that exist in the universe! This message of hope was fulfilled in the birth of Christ and the establishment of His eternal kingdom. Christ came to deliver all people from their slavery to sin, hallelujah praise the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray: Father, we thank You for sending Your Son Jesus down to earth to be our guiding light in this dark and sinful world we live in. Lord, we were all dead in our sins, until Jesus died for our sins. Father, we had no hope for Eternal Salvation with You, until Jesus rose from the dead. So Lord this Christmas Season, may we never forget what the birth of Your Son Jesus really means in our lives! I ask this Lord, in Jesus name.....Amen.

JESUS CALLING

By Sarah Young

A thankful attitude opens up windows of heaven. Spiritual blessings fall freely onto you through those openings into eternity. Moreover, as you look up with a grateful heart, you get glimpses of Glory through those windows. You cannot yet live in heaven, but you can experience foretaste of your ultimate home. Such samples of heavenly fare revive your hope. Thankfulness opens you up to these experiences, which then provide further reasons to be grateful. Thus, your path becomes an upward spiral: ever increasing in gladness. Thankfulness is not some sort of magic formula; it is the language of love, which enables you to communicate intimately with Me. A thankful mind-set does not entail a denial of reality with its plethora of problems. Instead it rejoices in Me, your Savior, in the midst of trials and tribulations. I am your refuge and strength, an ever-present and well-proved help in trouble. Habakkuk 3:17; Psalm 46:1 (AMP)

PROVERBIAL SCRIPTURES FOR LIVING

Psalm 15:32 **He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.**

Psalm 16:25 **There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.**

Psalm 18:2 **A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinion.**



THE MINISTRIES DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please pray daily with this ministry for, Joe Longo and family. Helen McKean.

Karen Fulginetti and family, Jimmy Palma, Anne Palma and family.
Scott Eckenoff and family, Joe Lakes, Donna DeAngelous and family.
Mike Baker Jr and family. Theresa Wade. George Slawter and family.
Jerry Palma, Carol Palma, and family. Barbra Teto. Patrick Zinck.
Janet Neil and family. Jonathan Baker. Tony Scarengelli. Robin Weiss.
Mike Buetner. Keith Ruggerio. Michael Monforto. Vince Phillipelli.
Alexandra Barone. Anthony Lakes. Rose Robinson. Adolph D'Ippolito.
Jennie D'Ippolito.

Also a daily prayer for the sick, the poor, the homeless, the weak, the weary,

the broken hearted, the poor in spirit, the lost, the lonesome, the lame, the hopeless, the helpless, the restless, the persecuted, etc.

Furthermore a daily prayer for all the ; hatred, the violence, the wars, the corruption, the unrest, the unemployed, the ailing economies, etc, around the world. Also a special prayer for all our troops who are in harms way and an end to all the wars around the world. I ask these prayers in our Saviors name Christ Jesus hallelujah..... Amen.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Last but not least, may we all focus and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas this season. Let our hearts never lose sight of what Jesus did for our sins. May we always continue to give the Lord the thanks and praise that He truly deserves! Until next month's journal with God's help, may the Lord bless you and your entire family always.

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