

INBREAKING

THE KINGDOM COME AT CHRISTMAS

Know Jesus, know peace.
No Jesus, no peace.

Luke 2:13-14

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God & saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Peace exists not in the absence of surrounding danger, or turmoil, but in the presence of God's reign reflected in the hearts & actions of his people.

“Peace doesn’t mean to be in a place where there’s no noise, trouble, hard work, or danger. Peace means to be in the midst of chaos with a calm heart.”

Luke 8:22-24

One day Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side of the lake.... He got up & rebuked the wind & the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm.

Luke 8:27-35

When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out & fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice...”

The Acusser's affect on our peace of mind

The absence of suspicion & resentment.

Colossians 3:13

*Bear with each other & forgive one another
if any of you has a grievance against
someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

Not living in the past.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

*Not wasting time & energy fighting
conditions you cannot change.*

Psalm 23

*Even though I walk through the
darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for
you are with me...*

*Force yourself to stay involved
with the living world.*

Galatians 6:2

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this
way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

*Refuse to indulge in self-pity
when life hands you a raw deal.*

1 Peter 4:12-13

*Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal
that has come on you to test you, as though something
strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch
as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that
you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.*

*Cultivate the old-fashioned virtues - love,
humor, compassion & loyalty.*

Romans 12:2

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but
be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
Then you will be able to test and approve what
God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

Do not expect too much of yourself.

Galatians 6:3-4

If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else

Find something bigger than yourself to believe in.

Romans 8:37-39

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

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Ephesians 2:14a

“For he himself is our peace...”

Just because someone is *at* Peace
with God (salvation), doesn't mean
that they're walking *in* the Peace of
God (sanctification)

Philippians 4:6, 7 - ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer & petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts & your minds in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 3:15 - “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”