

Gifts of Grace

— Delighting in the Gifts of Grace —

INNER PEACE

Ephesians 2:17–18 (NLT) 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.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! —“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Isaiah 9:6–7 (NLT)

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. 7 His government and its **peace** will never end.

HOW DO I FIND PEACE W/GOD?

Romans 5:1–2 (NLT) Therefore, since we have **been made right** in God's sight **by faith**, we have **peace with God** because of what **Jesus** Christ our Lord has **done for us**. 2 Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, ...

1. We have peace with **God**.

2. We have **inner** peace.

John 14:27 (NLT) 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.

3. We have peace with **each other**.

What now?

- Receive** Jesus' peace w/God for yourself.

- Rest** in Jesus' peace w/yourself.

- Pursue** Jesus' peace with others.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

1. Have you ever detected any created thing that your heart was pursuing peace in?
2. How might resting in your inner peace with God liberate you from that exhausting pursuit—reordering your loves and redirecting your allegiance to the Prince of Peace?
3. What would it take for YOU to be the one who pursues peace with someone you don't presently have "shalom/wholeness" peace with?