



Christmas Holiday Greeting 2018

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“World Peace”



We are among the first generations on Earth to have reached across all borders, filled every habitable continent, and communicated with all nations. While some anticipate colonizing the moon or planets of our solar system, most know there is nothing quite like our blue-green planet of teeming life in the reachable cosmos. With the robust talent pool of fruitful humanity, we have climbed every mountain, plumbed every ocean depth, built marvelous cities of habitation, and even come to see our wonderful world from the lofty height of space, as though with the Eye of God. Grand Earth is in God's hands AND our hands. In spreading throughout marvelous Spaceship Earth, we have learned how to live in comfort and prosperity just about everywhere.

Noticeably missing from our Star Ship Enterprise is universal peace and comprehensive need supply. We occupy, but argue and fight, struggle and war hugely among ourselves. There is unmistakable asymmetry of wealth and comfort. Many are starving, falling by rampant disease, aimlessly migrating away from desperate circumstances, but not really finding meaningful life and home. Truly, it is hard to care for everyone in so large a world, filled with so many people. National presidents, kings, and ministers have been failing. Potentates of huge business organizations, military establishments and alliances, even churches of diverse denomination, find frustration in meeting global population needs.

No new Land of Opportunity is opening up. No expansion valve is porting humanity to virgin homeland. The Great House is built, the Grand Table is set, the beloved family of God is defined. So we must look *within* ourselves and *within* our global habitat to satisfy yearnings for peace and gracious living. This full-house situation does not spell the End of the World, as some diagnose. Neither is the situation analyzing as a return to primitive, warfare, aggression, predation, cannibalism, race purification, etc. This world is diversely composed of humans aptly regarded Children of God (John:3.16) for which He has made full and kind provision. This largest ever mass of humanity needs to embrace God's interpretation of end times as fruitful ripening, blessed consummation, laying down of burdens, ceasing from travel and building. It finally is time for EVERYONE to live a meaningful life, fully fed and clothed and housed right where they are. Yes, rebellious ones will mire in tribulation, even Great Tribulation. But the patient and obedient and meek will transition peacefully to Days of Heaven on Earth, and happily enter God's Rest (He worked 6 days of creation, then rested on the 7th day). Consider the Holy Bible's counsel on peace, drawn mostly from the Gospels of Jesus Christ, Savior of the World, whose birthday we celebrate every Christmas:

Peacemakers

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the Children of God. Matthew:5.9

God originates peace, and His children are derivatively empowered to bring peace. They are like Him. He blesses them for doing the works of peace in His name. When the world fulfills God's plan for it, peace will be the signature of the entire global population.

Jesus Calms Wind & Sea

*He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still.
And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. Mark:4.39*

We live in times marked by great disturbance of world climate. This has occurred because burgeoning mankind has overused energy. Amidst consequential global warming, extremes of earthquakes, volcanoes, wild fires, polar ice melting, flooding, hurricanes, and tornadoes are everywhere. The ungodly report these things, but are unable to bring remedy. Even as Jesus calmed the turbulent wind and raging sea so many years ago, we can expect God's later Sonship to fully resolve Nature's fury to a life-preserving, damage-free condition of peace.

Faith in Jesus Christ Relieves Female Plague

Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole. Go in peace and be whole of thy plague. Mark:5.34

Pestilence was predicted for the end times. With so many human beings filling the planet, it is easier for communicable diseases to spread among the masses. Since the Great Sin of End Times is harlotry (Revelation:17.5), persistent sexual diseases (STDs) spread by irresistible prostitute women compose an entrapping cycle of unhealthiness that is eclipsing the healing power of advanced medical knowledge and technology. The Gospel of Mark affords hope that faith in Jesus Christ will cure devastating health adversities of close living and irresponsible sexual extremism, resolving to much desired, lasting peace for the maximally beautified women of our time-refined human race.

Divine Salt Within Brings World Peace

Have salt in yourselves, and (you shall) have peace one with another. Mark:9.50

Amidst the large human population and marvelous built-up society of the end times, it is tempting to set the standard for living externally. However, living comparatively, competitively, and covetously starves the inner man of his core nature, his true character, indwelling Christ. Without inner light and leadership, humanity dissembles and preservation lapses. The Gospel of Jesus Christ reminds us to stir up inner potency for life given by God, and not be distracted by externalities, no matter how enticing. Maintain indwelling Christ, and peace abounds all around.

Pathway of Peace & Light

*The dayspring from on high (Jesus Christ) hath visited us,
To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke:1.78-79*

Christmas marks the visitation of God in heaven to Earth, as a spring of daylight that shall never cease. The widening human tribe may experience periods of wandering, hunger, depression, darkness, even death as it fills Mother Earth, but the light set by Jesus Christ perseveres. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (John:14.6) who graciously marks our pathway with understanding and peace.

Angels Foretell Peace on Earth at Jesus' Birth

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke:2.14

Men are small movers. God is the first and biggest mover. When He wants something to happen, it will happen. He is sovereign. Understanding these points of divine glory, one comprehends the Christmas message delivered by God through His angels at the time of Jesus' birth as more than an announcement. We properly consider it authoritative truth that earth will come to know peace and good will via Jesus Christ, the infant-born Son of God. Jesus ran into rejection trouble, but His life and purpose, not surprisingly, have proven to be indomitable. The promise of peace will never be withdrawn, will be progressively and perseveringly fulfilled, and is sure to happen at the end of the age. The earth has been circled and substantially filled. The gospel is globally known by several communication modalities (personal visit, letters, publications, telephone, email, internet, etc.). Present generations are in the "NOW" regarding the Kingdom of God and His dear Son. Sovereign

God will fulfill His promise, will have His perfect way. There should be, will be, must be, peace on Earth through His Son and Sons. If you are not on this agenda, you miss a glorious future.

Woman at Jesus' Feet

Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace. Luke:7.44-50

Since Mystery Babylon, the Mother of Harlots (Revelation: 17.5) amazingly surfaces as a contradiction to Christ at the end of the age, we can correctly assume that women eclipse the authority of men at that time. It is not hard to figure out why. The human race, especially women, will have been refined and beautified. Labors will have largely ceased in a built-up (completed) world. Riches and beauteous architecture will abound, but the surplus from vanishing labor (money) will diminish. Many will try to market beauty and pleasure (sex, drugs, fantasies, frivolous products, etc.) in an effort to keep money flowing when legitimate work opportunities, mostly maintenance work, have shrunk. The ill-conceived sex slavery business is cruel to women, and mires them in compound sin. They must support themselves by selling non-love sex to dark strangers, surrendering health and hygiene and good feelings, and entering rejection and desperation as youthful beauty fades.

Such a sinful woman entered Simon's the Pharisee's house to favor visitor Jesus by humbly, respectfully, and compassionately tending to His body-physical needs being overlooked by Simon. She was a wretched woman of ill-repute. But she gave what she had to comfort who she knew to be the very Son of God. His ministry put Him on pathways very hard on heavenly feet. Repeated rejections by His own immensely sorrowed His heavenly mind. Jesus forgave her many sins on account of heartfelt contrition of her acts. By contrast, Pharisee Simon reeked arrogance, thereby retaining all sins to his account. The unworthy woman found peace. Simon did not.

Spread the Gospel of Peace Everywhere

I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say, Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city. Luke:10.3-12

The Gospel of Jesus Christ was to be spread abroad to ALL people, a world-saving message not to be limited by any circumstance (financial insufficiency, unavailable transportation, lack of food, lack of shelter, lack of shoes). Jesus' Ambassadors bring the peace of God, the only true peace, to a world languishing without it. If the reception in any city really knew the sin-healing gifts coming their way through the Missionaries of Peace, they would roll out a great carpet of privilege and warmest hospitality. Cities refusing Missionaries of Christ put themselves at odds with God, so Mission Men should regard denial of hospitality as consent of that Sojourn City to death and destruction (what always happens if God is not holding all things together per Colossians:1.17). Missionaries are

instructed to leave a willfully perishing city and carry their salvation to remaining accommodating cities until all are brought into the sheepfold of God. When rejection consequences become manifest as desolation, rejectors will sadly remember that mercy and grace had come to them freely and openly, with surety of health and peace, but they refused it.

Peace Comes from Jesus

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John:14.27*

*These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace.
In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John:16.33*

Nations and individuals have been unsuccessfully experimenting across the ages on ways to achieve peace. Adam and Eve felt that mixing a little evil with general goodness would produce a better life. The Pharaohs of Egypt thought that accumulating great wealth, commanding many slaves, whipping their servants, building great monuments, and establishing a formidable military would yield greatness and peace. Ancient Rome believed that pomp, taxation, military, crafting excellence (Roman road, aqueducts, baths, coliseum, forum, statuary, etc.), and political sagacity would bring world peace (Pax Romana).

America today appears to emphasize political correctness; bigness of organizations, architecture, wealth, military, weapons, crowds, or men; beauty of women, fashions, homes, and cars; busyness; and competitive supremacy to achieve a great life and lasting peace. Sadly, the name of Jesus, counsel from the Bible, prayer, hymns, love of God, patience, quietness, meekness, and self-control have been dropping from the national agenda. The blend of these increases and decreases has delivered a national and international problem set bigger than ever before. Many Spiritual authorities regard the situation as Great Tribulation, hovering at the end of the world. The U.S. and the world groan under the weight of these serious times. But Jesus' inner and outer peace looms with increasing singularity as THE final solution erasing global fears. No more experimentation is needed.

Perfect Peace

*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee.
Isaiah:26.3*

In a sense, history's chronicle of diverse societal experiments by nations and kingdoms and empires point convergently to a final perfection. When every mind is a Mind of Christ, when every nation's motto is "In God We Trust," mankind will have arrived at the best of all worlds. We will have validated God's design for the world He created and His precious offspring. There will be peace all around, perfect in each place. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year In Christ

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Footnote

This emailed Christmas Greeting is larger than typical Christmas Cards. Significance of the Christmas Story grows with each passing year, beckoning larger reflection and grander anticipation of the Lord's return. If this form of Christmas Greeting heightens your appreciation and cheer for the Holidays, feel free to re-email it to friends and family in that same Christmas Spirit.