

“How Can I Have Peace?”

We are living in an hour of emergency. All over the world, people’s hearts are filled with fear on account of an invisible enemy. In fact, many people’s hearts are *overwhelmed* with fear. The comfortable way of living that we have known is quickly fading. Livelihoods are vanishing, bank accounts are drying up, and world economies are crumbling. The freedoms that we have known are being quickly stripped away. Of course, many people are afraid of catching the Covid-19 virus, and of passing through the veil of death. What is on the other side of that veil?

Perhaps you are plagued with such questions. Perhaps your heart is troubled. If so, I have some good news for you. Two thousand years ago, the Lord Jesus Christ said these comforting words to His disciples, who were very afraid and troubled. Jesus had just announced to them that He was about to be betrayed, arrested, tried, and put to death; and suddenly, their world was turned upside-down. To these troubled men Jesus said:

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also.

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.” (John 14:1-3)

Thomas, not understanding the meaning of Jesus’ words, replied,

“Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?” (John 14:5)

Jesus’ powerful answer still confronts people’s hearts to this day. Jesus said:

“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me.” (John 14:6)

Later in that same conversation, Jesus promised His disciples that even though He would soon ascend back to heaven, He would not leave them “comfortless” (literally, “orphans”). He promised to send the Comforter (the Holy Spirit) to be “with” them, and “in” them, and to bring to their remembrance everything that He had taught them. He then made this wonderful promise:

“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)

My friend, there is only one Man who can bring true peace to your heart; and that Man is the Lord Jesus Christ! The “peace” that this world offers you cannot satisfy. As many people are finding out, the things that they had always relied upon—the things which have brought a seeming “peace” to their hearts in the past—are not able to hold back the tsunami of fear that is now flooding their souls. Why? Because it is impossible to have true, lasting peace in your heart if you do not know the Author of Peace.

Jesus Christ is that Author of Peace. He is the one whom the prophet Isaiah called “the Prince of Peace.” Seven hundred years before Christ’s birth, Isaiah made this prophecy about the coming Messiah:

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.” (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Jesus truly is “the Prince of Peace”: and there are two important ways in which He has the right to claim this title.

- First of all (as Isaiah 9:7 states), Christ will one day bring political and international peace to the entire world, when He returns to earth to set up His Kingdom.
- Secondly (and far more importantly), Christ brings “peace with God” to the hearts of those who believe on Him.

I invite you to consider these two ways in which Christ gives peace. In coming articles, I will show you how Christ will bring “peace on earth”; and, how He can bring *personal* “peace with God” to your soul!