



Christmas @ Calvary Advent Week #2: PEACE What Does the Bible Say About Peace in Hard Times? Pastor Ryan Bunbury December 10, 2023

SERIES TEXT: 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. Isaiah 9:6 NLT

SERIES BIG IDEA: God gave the greatest gift in giving us Jesus.

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- **He will cover you** with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. Psalm 91:4 NIV
- In the same way a bird covers its chicks; Jesus provides us with a sanctuary of peace amid life's storms. **Embrace this assurance** under His sheltering wings.

Wings of Peace to Cover You Every Day of the Week:

- ♦ **Monday:** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the PEACE of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 NIV
- ♦ **Tuesday:** "PEACE I leave with you; my PEACE I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." - Jesus, John 14:27 NIV
- ♦ **Wednesday:** You will keep in perfect PEACE him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Isaiah 26:3 NIV
- ♦ **Thursday:** I will lie down and sleep in PEACE, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. Psalm 4:8 NIV
- ♦ **Friday:** Now may the Lord of PEACE himself give you PEACE at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. 2 Thessalonians 3:16 NIV
- ♦ **Saturday:** "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have PEACE. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." - Jesus, John 16:33 NIV
- ♦ **Sunday:** 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 [shalom]. Isaiah 9:6 NLT

Peace | | **שָׁלוֹם** shâlôm: wholeness, wellness, well-being, safe, happy, friendly, favor, completeness, to make peace, peace offering, secure, to prosper, to be victorious, to be content, tranquil, quiet, restful.



- *Shalom* is used to describe all that is needed to be whole and complete in Christ Jesus; to break off all authority that would attempt to bind us to chaos; to rest.

"We cannot rest in God until we nest in God. To nest is to settle, to abide." - Vance Havner

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- Peace is not found in the absence of trouble but rather a **deep-rooted assurance in Jesus** over all of life's challenges. Nesting with Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is the secret to finding peace in hard times.
- ...So many times I have longed to gather your wayward children together around me, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings – but you were too stubborn to let me." - Jesus, Luke 13:34b TPT

FOUR-Step Action Plan for Peace in Hard Times:

- I. Stop Being Stubborn – Start Seeking Refuge in Jesus
 - ...under his wings you will find refuge... (Ps 91:4)
- II. Cultivate Trust in Jesus
 - ...under His wings ...His faithfulness... (Ps 91:4)
- III. Dwell in Sheltered Jesus Thoughts
 - He will cover you... (Ps 91:4)
- IV. Share His Wings with Others #JLS
 - OUR ...cover ...feathers ...wings ...refuge ...shield ...rampart (Ps 91:4) ...Jesus ...Savior ... Prince of Peace

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Jesus

Dear Jesus: I repent of my sin. Please be my Savior and Lord. In Jesus' Name, Amen