

Give Peace a Chance

“All we are asking is give peace a chance.” Those were the words of a famous John Lennon anti-war song from 1969 when America was in the midst of the unpopular Vietnam War. It became an anthem of the American anti-war movement during the early 1970’s.

What we longed for in the 1970’s is still what we long for today. All we want is peace. Peace from terrorists, peace from strife, peace at home, peace at work, long lasting peace. It seems the more we seek peace the less peace we have. One reason why is people are searching for peace in all the wrong places.

As I contemplated on that I thought about the verse in Isaiah 9:6 that proclaims the future birth of Jesus by saying, “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace.**”

Lasting peace doesn’t come through United Nations negotiations or in military action. Drugs, alcohol, money, fame, power and all the other things our world pushes at us will never bring us the peace our hearts long for and desperately need. Real peace comes only through Jesus Christ, **THE Prince of Peace!**

Jesus speaking to his disciples said this in John 14:27, “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.”

Our mission as a church is to proclaim the message of Jesus declaring the peace that only he can bring. Christmas is our time of celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace. Christmas gives Christians a wonderful opportunity to share the love and peace of Jesus. Our prayer is that you will experience His peace this season.

All we do here is directed to furthering the Gospel thus allowing more people to experience the peace that passes all understanding. Every time you give here you help us proclaim our mission. In a world filled with strife we desperately need a place of peace and refuge. We exist to help bring that peace to those around us. When you give you help make that possible.

So, thank you for your generosity today and may the peace of Christ be with you this season!