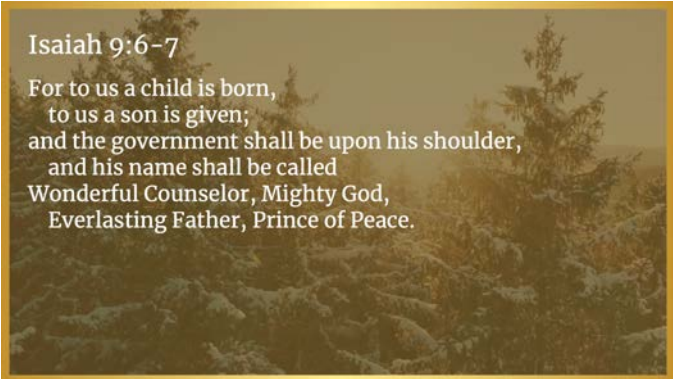




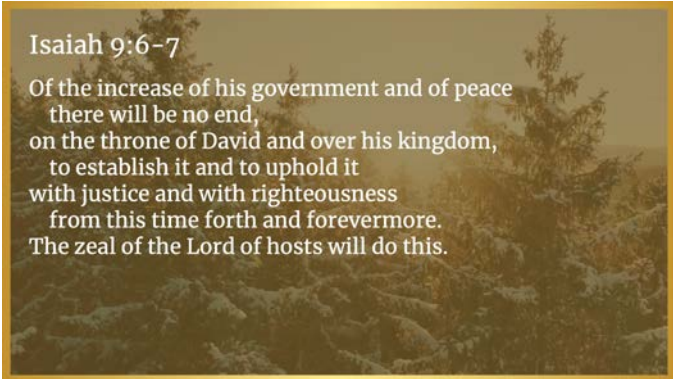
God's Promise of Peace

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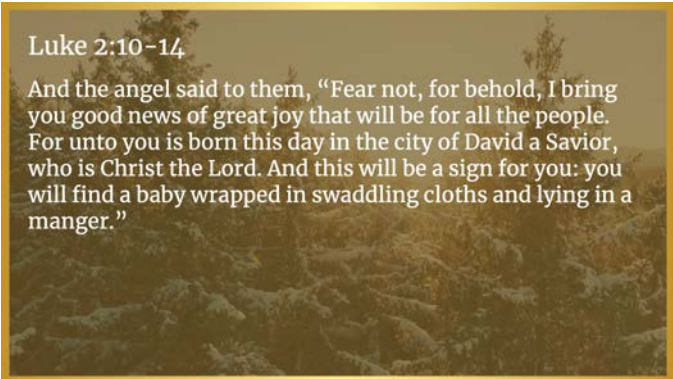
Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



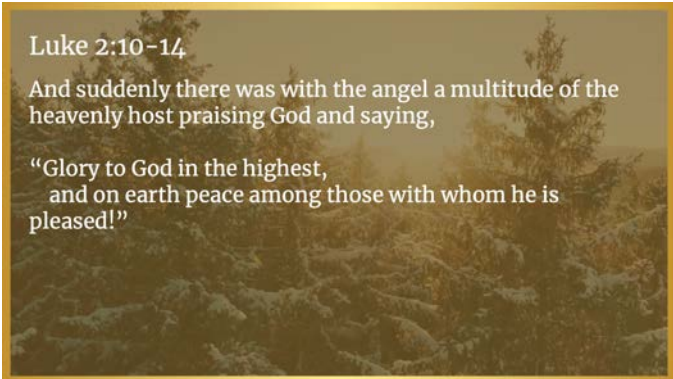
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Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.



Luke 2:10-14


And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."



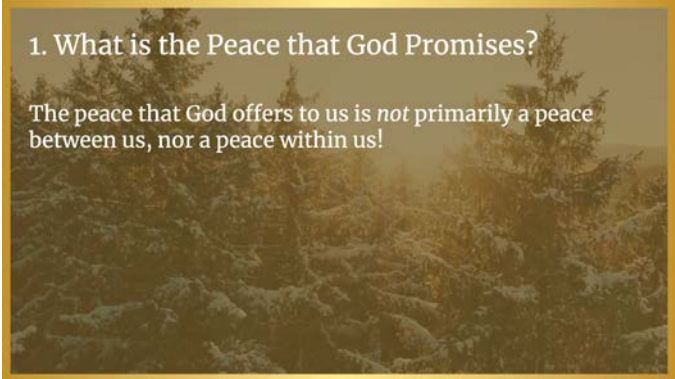
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And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,
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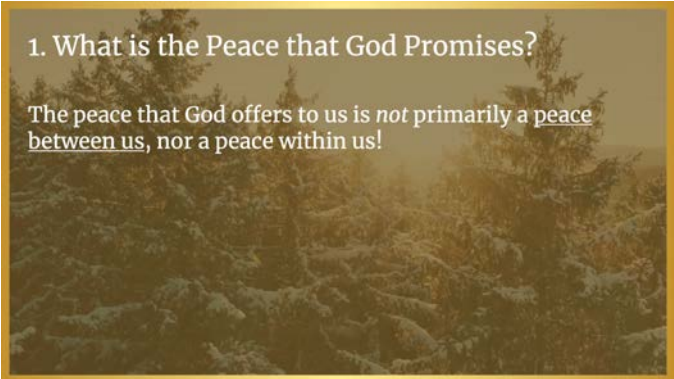


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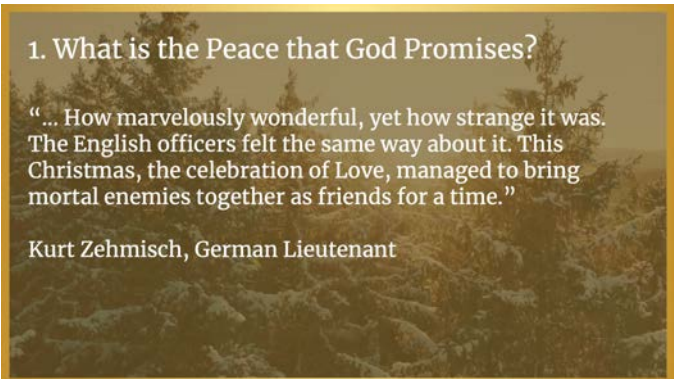
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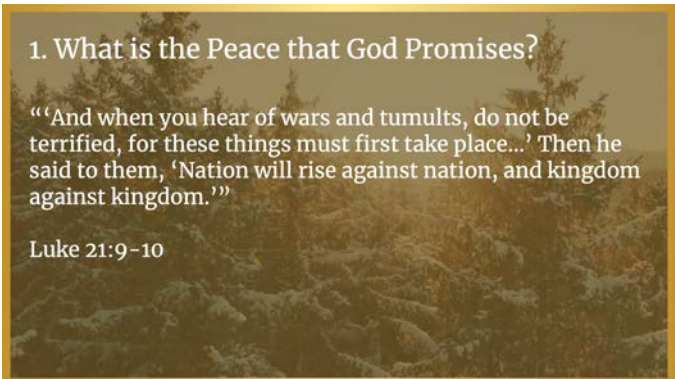
The Christmas Truce of 1914



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“... How marvelously wonderful, yet how strange it was. The English officers felt the same way about it. This Christmas, the celebration of Love, managed to bring mortal enemies together as friends for a time.”

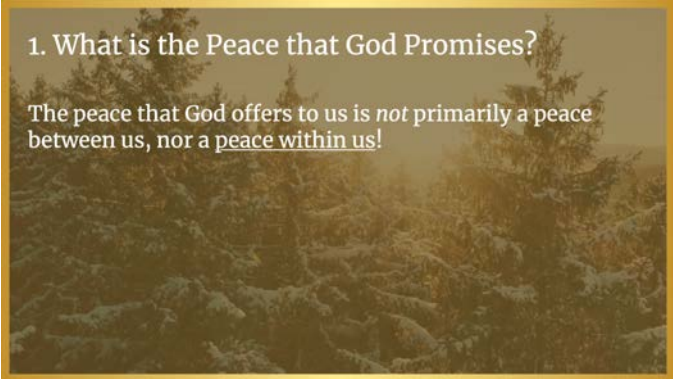
Kurt Zehmisch, German Lieutenant



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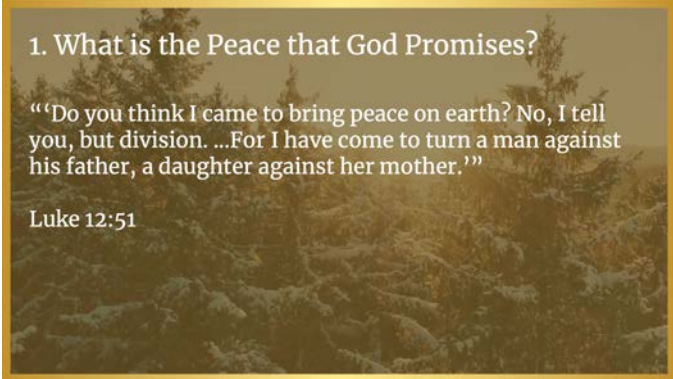
““And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place...” Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.’”

Luke 21:9-10



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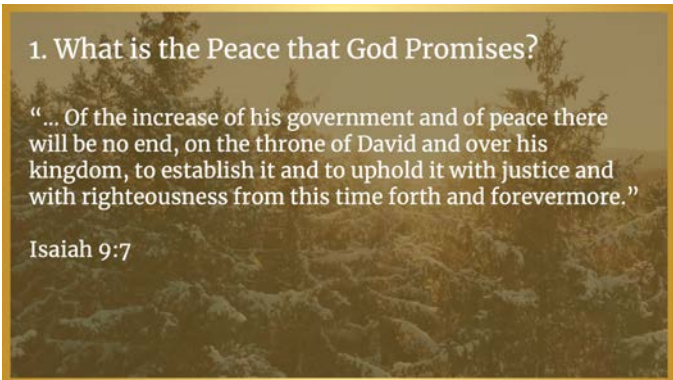
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“Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ...For I have come to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother.”

Luke 12:51




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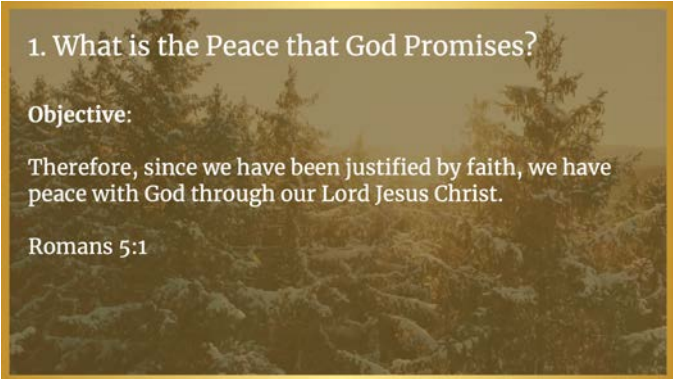
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



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The Peace with God promised to us at Christmas is
objective, complete and must be received on earth.




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Objective:


Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have
peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1



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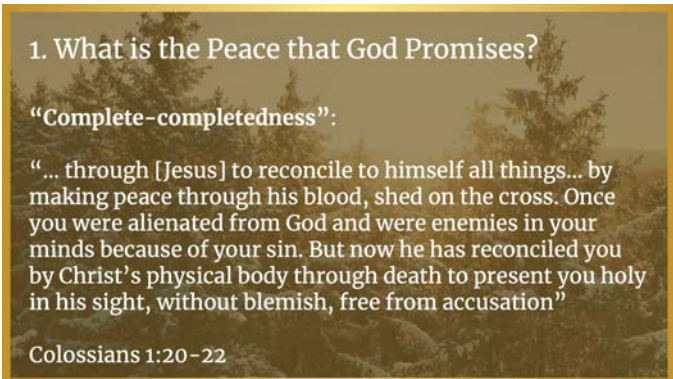
Complete:



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Complete:

God's Peace in Christ is a "Complete-Completedness"




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"Complete-completeness":


"... through [Jesus] to reconcile to himself all things... by
making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once
you were alienated from God and were enemies in your
minds because of your sin. But now he has reconciled you
by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy
in his sight, without blemish, free from accusation"

Colossians 1:20-22



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Must be received on earth



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2. How do we receive His Peace?



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“The incarnation of Jesus Christ was an invasion, both a dawning of peace and a declaration of war.”

Matt Smethurst



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“For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.”

Romans 8:6-7



2. How do we receive His Peace?

Q. Can you live up to all this perfectly?

A. No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and hate my neighbor.

The Heidelberg Catechism



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“How can I enjoy the next 20 years without so much of this consuming me? How can I find peace away from the game of basketball?”

Michael Jordan



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But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5



3. How do we live by His Peace?

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And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- Phil. 4:7

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called... And be thankful. - Col. 3:15

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” - Matt. 5:9

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Luke 2: 10, 13-14

3. How do we live by His Peace?

The Gospel is the “...thing into which angels long to look.”

1 Peter 1:12

3. How do we live by His Peace?

“Well, because week after week you forget it, because week after week you walk in here looking like a people who don't believe the gospel. And until you walk in looking like people who are truly liberated by the truth of the gospel, I'm going to continue to preach it to you.”

Martin Luther

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