

CONNECTING WITH GOD... THE CHURCH... YOUR PURPOSE

For the week of: **Sunday, December 11, 2022**

Teaching Series: *Outrageous Christmas*

Message Title / Pastor: "Outrageous Peace" - Pastor Bill Wilson

MESSAGE OVERVIEW

This Christmas, there is one gift that nearly everyone hopes they will experience, PEACE. This is a central message of the Bible. The word peace is used over 325 times throughout the Scriptures and is a key theme of the Christmas story. One of the prophetic lines used 700 years before the first Christmas is found in Isaiah that gives Jesus the royal and redemptive title, "Prince of Peace." As we celebrate this Christmas, may we be reminded that without Jesus Christ we will not find true peace. The Prince of Peace provides a pathway to peace with God, peace with oneself and peace with others. This is Outrageous Peace!

SCRIPTURE

- Isaiah 9:6-7
- Luke 2:13-14
- Isaiah 48:22
- John 16:33
- I John 1:9
- Romans 5:1
- Psalm 119:165
- Colossians 3:15
- Psalm 29:11
- Isaiah 26:3
- Philippians 4:6-7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one of your favorite Christmas memories as a child?
2. What are some common causes of unrest and conflict today in your opinion?
3. How would you explain the term "Prince of Peace" in Isaiah 9:6 to someone?
4. When did you first experience the Peace with God?
5. What will rob a person from having true peace according to Isaiah 48:22?
6. When have you experienced the peace of God in the middle of a storm?
7. Based on Philippians 4:6-7 what should a person do when they feel overwhelmed with stress?
8. What will make this a peaceful season in your life?

PRAYER

Father, thank You for sending your Son, Jesus to be the "Prince of Peace." Help us to seek out peace within ourselves and others. Help us to live deliberately by the Word of God to allow peace in our lives. I ask that You will do something fresh in our lives to make this an Outrageous Christmas. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen!

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