

# Peace!

Peace! What is peace? Is it just the absence of noise? Is it more than have rest in ones environment? What is peace anyway? Is it more than merely the absence of war or any other hostilities? Does the term peace refer to more than the freedom from quarrels and disagreements? Is it just a treaty or agreement to end hostile activities?

So when the angels declared, "On earth peace."(Luke 2:14), were they just referring to a quiet earth where every thing was serene? I don't think so, at the time of Christ's birth the world was in a state of confusion because of the decree of Caesar Augustus. Imagine the animosity that was generated because of the demand placed on the world to return to their place of origin inorder to be taxed. I can imagine the chaos. When I think about April 15 and all the confusion and anxiety that is associated with that date, I can imagine that it had to be magnified especially with all the moving and trying to find accommodations.

The peace that the angels referred to is not contingent upon a hassle-free environment but upon God Himself and His Christ. The Lord is trying to usher us into His covenant of peace (Isaiah 54:10) which includes safety, security, assurance, balance, confidence and trust. Wait a minute God not only promise to bless us with peace but to keep us there (Psalm 29:11, Isaiah 26:3). And God commanded us to pursue peace but warned us not to take this world's peace (Psalm34: 14, Deuteronomy 23:6). Jesus understanding the turmoil that would occur after His departure not only left peace but also gave us his peace (John 14:27). You see it is in Jesus that we have peace, in this world we have trouble.

So the next time that you are setting up for a relaxing, quiet and peaceable afternoon enter into the covenant of peace, Jesus Christ, and posses the peace which passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7) and really enjoy the time.

*Lord; help me to enter into your covenant of peace.  
Let me not just shut everyone out.  
But assist me in bringing myself in.  
Help us to remember that peace is not silencing my surroundings.  
But peace is immersing one's self in the presents of Jesus.  
Help us not to settle for the world definition of peace.  
For in the world we only have tribulation.  
But when we focus our minds on you then we obtain true peace.  
Lord; restore the balance that no matter where we find ourselves.  
We will always posses your peace that You have reserved with us.  
You know the peace that passes all understanding.  
Thank you. Amen*