

God's Declaration for Peace

Isaiah 2:1-5

1. God Given Promise

When Isaiah spoke these words, Israel was living in rebellion towards God and therefore were not experiencing peace. However, God gave the Israelites hope with the promise of a future peace that will be experienced.

Through Jesus, the Son of God, becoming a man through the virgin birth, dying on the cross for humanity's sin, and through the gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, we have experienced the initial stages of God's promise for peace to be fulfilled. We await and look forward to Jesus Christ's return for the complete fulfillment of this promise.

Question:

Why do people yearn and long for peace? What are the benefits that come with peace?

Compare & Contrast: What was your life like before you began to live for Christ? In what ways has your life changed while living for Christ; receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit to live as God's new creation?

2. God Given Invitation

Although Israel is God's chosen people, Isaiah reminds Israel that the plan has always been for Israel to be a blessing to all nations; using God's people to draw the rest of humanity to Himself.

The good news of Jesus has been a universal invitation that God has made accessible for any person from any nation to experience peace with God and with other people who accepted God's wonderful gospel invitation.

Question:

Where does our world go looking for God? Where does our world hope to find salvation? Where do they think they will find the peace they are looking for?

Where do you and I go knocking for God? Where do we hope to find peace for our restless soul?

3. God Given Teaching

God is the source for peace, and provides the needed teaching in knowing how to experience peace with the instructions in how to walk rightly for Him.

Question:

When Jesus was born, the angel proclaimed, “Peace on earth and good will to all people.” In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, Matthew 5:9, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” As Isaiah pleaded with his people, we must put God’s ways into practice in our own lives. What can you do to be more of an instrument of God’s peace on a daily basis?

Conclusion:

God promised peace with the invitation for all people/nations who seek Him; beginning through Jesus’ payment for sin, and looking forward to the complete fulfillment to this promise upon Jesus’ return. A peace that God continues to teach us.