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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

12/18/2023

What "Peace" Did Jesus Bring?

Jesus spoke to His disciples and said:

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."
(**John 14:27**)

The "world" offers "peace" by: increasing government power; or giving up to one's enemies; or signing treaties with no teeth; or retreating into drugs and alcohol; or speeding through life while preoccupied by electronics, jobs, athletics, or shopping!

Jesus' "Peace" comes only to those who obey His Will. Paul wrote to Christians:

The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. (**Philippians 4:9**)

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**No Seasonal Goodwill**

This time of the year, many hypocritically speak of "goodwill toward men," only the rest of the year to speak with false flattery or abusive words toward others. David said:

They speak idly everyone with his neighbor; With flattering lips and a double heart they speak. May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, And the tongue that speaks proud things, Who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail; Our lips are our own; Who is lord over us?" (**Psalms 12:2-4**)

It is ignorance and arrogance to think the Lord has nothing to say about it. If you really want "goodwill toward men," then:

He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. (**1 Peter 3:10**)

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Who Has Seen Jesus?

Jesus is revealed in the Bible – not on an iron, foil on a bottle of cider, a drainpipe, a tortilla, the side of a freezer, a potted asparagus fern, or a shroud of Turin! But, there is NO physical description of Jesus Christ anywhere in Scripture! Every depiction of Jesus, whether as a baby or on a cross, is totally without Scriptural fact, and entirely made up by someone's imagination!

To Thomas, who had trouble believing that Jesus was raised from the dead, Jesus said:

Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."
(**John 20:29**)

We are to be looking in the Scriptures for Jesus Christ, not imagining Him in any other place!

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**How God Delivers**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all. He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked, And those who hate the righteous shall be condemned.  
(**Psalms 34:19-21**)

David wrote this after he was spared from Achish, king of Gath  
(**1 Samuel 21:13-15**). Persecutions Paul endured, because:

... Out of them all the Lord delivered me. (**2 Timothy 3:11**)

When Jesus was crucified, and the soldiers:

... came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. (**John 19:33**)

Then **Psalms 34:20** proved true! Also true is that people doing evil "hate the righteous," and "all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution" (**2 Timothy 3:12**). God delivers, not from suffering, but forever!

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Apollo 8 Tribute to God

On Christmas Eve, 1968, the first piloted spacecraft of any kind to break free from the Earth's orbit, then circle around another celestial body, was the American manned space mission, Apollo 8. When it orbited the Moon, the astronauts, Bill Anders, Jim Lovell, and Frank Borman, sent out a special live Christmas Eve broadcast, along with live images of the Earth and the Moon, accompanied with their reading from the Book of **Genesis 1:1-10**: which began:

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth... [and ends with]
And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the
waters called the Seas; and God saw that it was good.

We on Earth were in awe at God's Creation, thrilled at American success, and deeply moved by their humility.

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