

Scandalous Christmas: Prince of Piece

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. And a woman was there who had been...bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. Luke 8:43-44

She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped. "Who touched me?" Jesus asked...Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. 48 Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace." Luke 8:45-48

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:8-9, 13-14



You, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to shine on those living in

darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.” Luke 1:76, 79

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

We can't experience the fullness of Jesus' peace if we only allow Jesus to be our Prince of Piece.



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Colossians 3:15

Three Ways that We Can Give God More than Just a Piece

1) Make a full commitment to being close to God.

He will be called ... Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. Isaiah 9:6-7

May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Psalm 85:10

2) Don't let difficulty keep you from seeking God's peace.

"Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way prosperity will come to you." Job 22:21

3) You don't get peace by making a casual commitment to it. You can't just give God a piece.

Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. Psalm 34:14

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. Romans 14:19

What piece of your life is Jesus asking you to surrender so He can reign as Prince of Peace?