



MESSAGE NOTES

The Key to Peace

John 14:27

By Loyd Flaherty

I've heard prayers for world peace that sound so empty of power. It's difficult to believe that any peace will come from prayer — and yet, we are encouraged to pray for peace. We are also taught to be peacemakers.

1. Jesus gives us peace

John 14:27 **"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."**

2. Fear never produces peace

When we begin to understand that God is with us, peace fills our hearts.
We share the peace we have received because **love replaces fear**.
Love changes peoples hearts.

3. The opposite of fear is love, and love brings peace.

John 20:19: "On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, '**Peace be with you!**'"

Conclusion: Jesus said "I am sending you"

John 20:21: "Again Jesus said, '**Peace be with you!** As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'"

Verses to prepare to receive and give God's peace this Christmas

Isaiah 9:6

*"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The **Prince of Peace**"*

Luke 2:13-14

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, **14** "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace** among those with whom he is pleased!"