

MESSAGE NOTES

Prince of Peace

Luke 2:14 James Brown

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:14

1. Peace with God

2 Corinthians 5:18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

Before we can have peace with other people, we need to first find peace with God. God designed us to be loved by Him and to love Him in return. When we choose to accept and follow Jesus, we find peace with God. God fills our hearts with His love which then overflows to other people.

2. Peace with others

Ezekiel 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

When you are loved by God you automatically become more loving to the people around you. When your sins are forgiven you automatically become more forgiving of other people. When we enter into a relationship with Jesus, God gives us a new purpose for living. He gives us a new heart to love Him and to love other people.

3. How to contribute to world peace

Matthew 6:9-10 This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.'

There's only ever perfect peace in God's Kingdom. When we pray for God's Kingdom come on this earth, we are actually praying for world peace. This means praying that more and more people will come to know Jesus. The greatest thing you can do to contribute to world peace is to tell other people about Jesus.