

- Miss congeniality= 'What is the one thing our society needs?' All the contestants answer 'world peace', Sandra Bullock= 'Harsher punishment for parole violators Stan. . . . . and world peace"
- Things in God's Kingdom are different than our 'human understanding', things like Joy vs. Happiness, our view of 'safety', and what we will be looking at today 'Peace'

#### Isaiah 9:6-7

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. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.



#### Luke 2:14

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

- 'Peace to those on whom his favor rests'
- Believers, a different kind of peace
- Inner peace
  - Not some New Age baloney
- Peace that you can be asleep although the storm outside rages= circumstances
  - Jesus in the boat

34 "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— 36 a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.' 37 "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. 40 "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. 42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

#### Matthew 10:34-42

- Proves that Jesus brings a different kind of peace
- Not the 'world peace' we think of
- Jesus requires is to choose
- Believers are separated from those who don't believe

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.

John 14:27

- Jesus' peace
- Inner peace
- Peace that comforts you even when the outside world isn't 'peaceful'

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. **And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.** Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:4-9

- This peace of God is inside of us

- Going back to our Isaiah scripture, replace 'us' with 'you', make it personal
- Jesus is for you, His peace is for you
- Need to have 'Jesus'