

# CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR PEACE

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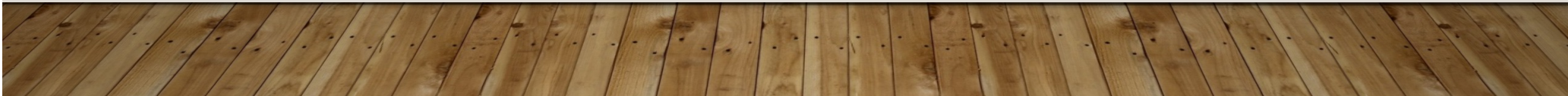
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“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ‘*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*’”

*Luke 2:13-14 (KJV)*

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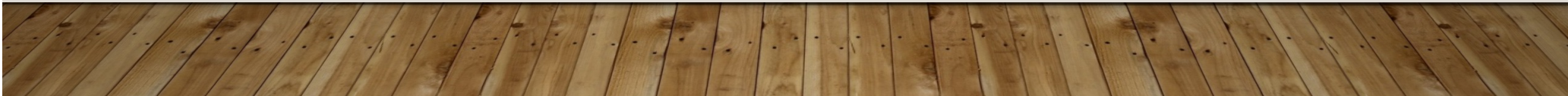
it's a time for RECONCILIATION...



# WHAT IS RECONCILIATION?

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- Reconciliation is when broken relationship is restored.  
Reconciliation is peace on earth, good will toward men.
- Prophet Isaiah declared that, *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given....And he will be called....Prince of Peace.”*  
(Isaiah 9:6 NIV)



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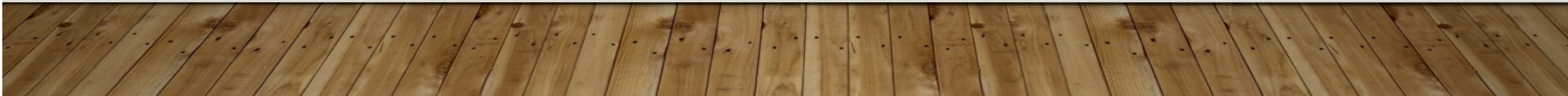
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- “Now that we have been put right with God through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”  
(Romans 5:1, TEV)
- “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8, ESV)



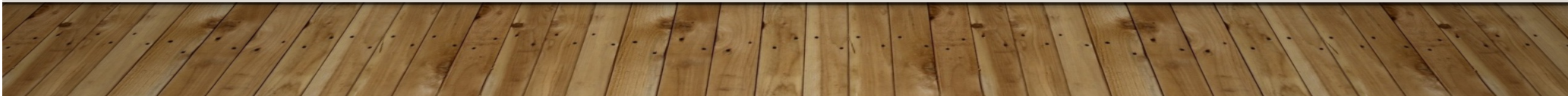
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EMOTIONAL PEACE:

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**Spiritual peace leads to emotional peace.**



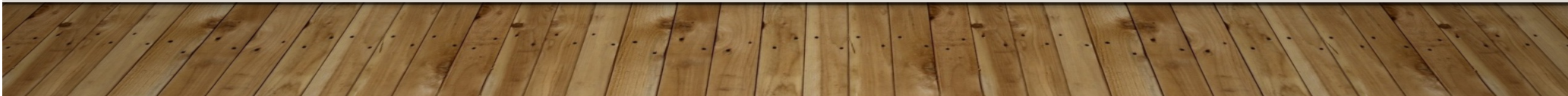


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“Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”

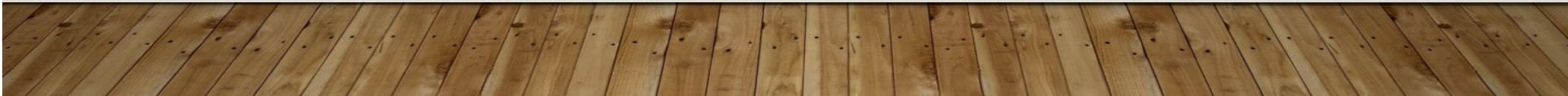
(Philippians. 4:6-7, NLT)



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You have two choices in life. In every circumstance, you can **pray** or **panic**. You can **worship** or **worry**. If you prayed as much as you worry, you'd have a whole lot less to worry about.





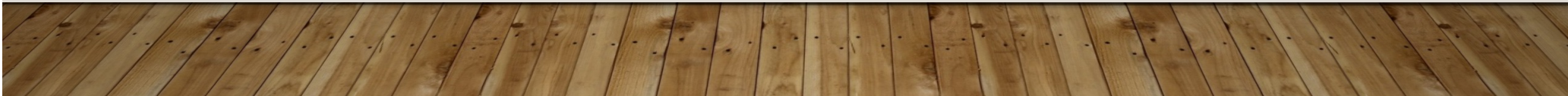
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## RELATIONAL PEACE: PEACE WITH EACH OTHER

Jesus is the Prince of Peace...

Jesus came to bring peace...



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In 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, the Apostle Paul gives us a few powerful truths about reconciliation.

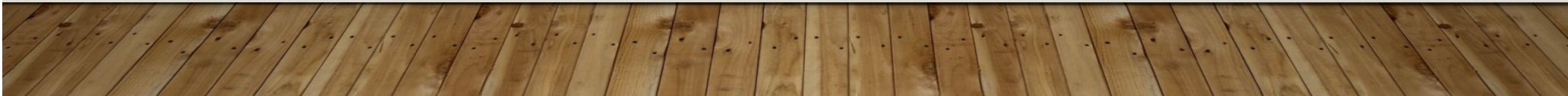
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- Reconciliation transforms men and women:

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

(v.17).



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- Reconciliation placates God's wrath:

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (v.21).

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- Reconciliation is obtained through Christ:

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ” (v.18).

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- Reconciliation is available to all who believe:  
“That God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them” (v. 19).

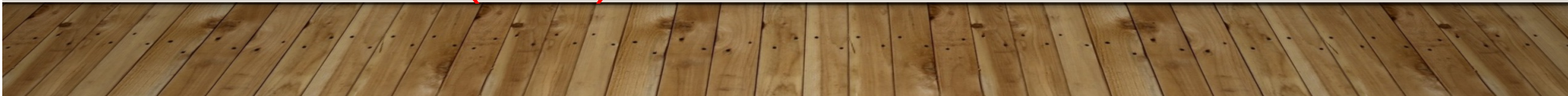


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- We are given the ministry of proclaiming the message of reconciliation:

“And gave us the ministry of reconciliation” (v. 18) and “He has committed to us the message of reconciliation” (v. 19).



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- This should be the mark of every Christian:

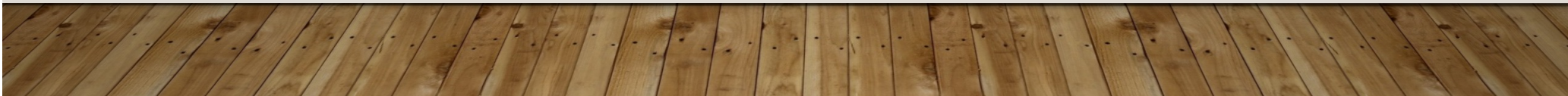
“So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, ‘Come back to God!’” (v. 20, NLT).

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“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.” Matthew 5:9 (KJV)

- The greatest need in our nation and in our world is reconciliation. It's the message of Christmas:  
**Peace on earth, goodwill toward men.**



# APPLICATION QUESTIONS

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- Who do you need to rebuild a broken relationship with this Christmas?
- Who do you need to reconcile with?  
Let Jesus fill you with love and forgiveness.
- Until you feel truly forgiven, you don't have the ability to forgive others.