# Restoration & Peace (R&P)

We need peace & restoration

At Jesus birth the world just experienced 400 years of silence

At the beginning of this message - You are invited to consider the silence of God in your life? Is He silent? Or can you hear him moving in your life and bringing you peace? Are you at a time in need of restoration?

What better time of year as we celebrate the birth of Jesus than to invite God to allow you restoration and peace.

We all need restoration! No matter if it is the first time by asking Jesus into your life OR being restored from the hard moments of everyday living.

After 2020 – we all NEED restoration! We all need to focus on the peace ONLY God can provide!

Peace is absolutely necessary in order to live a fulfilled life. God is absolutely necessary to attain, obtain, and maintain peace!

[To the American People: Christmas is not a time or a season but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. If we think on these things, there will be born in us a Savior and over us will shine a star sending its gleam of hope to the world." ~ Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933), American president. Presidential message (December 25, 1927).](https://www.azquotes.com/quote/373668?ref=christmas-peace)

[**Calvin Coolidge**](https://www.azquotes.com/author/3231-Calvin_Coolidge)

[My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?](https://www.azquotes.com/quote/373671?ref=christmas-peace)

[**Bob Hope**](https://www.azquotes.com/author/6880-Bob_Hope)

[I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.](https://www.azquotes.com/quote/77882?ref=christmas-peace)

[**Charles Dickens**](https://www.azquotes.com/author/3947-Charles_Dickens)

*“What if Christmas, he thought, doesn’t come from a store. What if Christmas…perhaps…means a little bit more!” ―****Dr. Seuss, How the Grinch Stole Christmas! Book***

*And what happened then? Well, in Whoville they say that the Grinch’s small heart grew three sizes that day. ―****Dr. Seuss, How the Grinch stole Christmas! And other stories Book***

Story of people needing peace

Just the world in general needs peace

***Jesus is our Counselor and Peacemaker***

**Counselor for Us (Isaiah 9:6)**
“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.”

Q: How can you have peace if you don’t know the prince

**Peace for Us (Luke 2:14)**
“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.”

Q: Do you have the favor of God?

Who is the Prince of Peace who IS the son of God and finds favor in those who accept Him?

**John 1:1-18**

**1**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2**He was in the beginning with God. **3**All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being. **4**In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind. **5**And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it.

### The Witness John the Baptist

**6**A man came, *one* sent from God, *and* his name was John. **7**He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. **8**He was not the Light, but *he came* to testify about the Light.

**9***This* was the true Light that, coming into the world, enlightens every person. **10**He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, and *yet* the world did not know Him. **11**He came to His own, and His own people did not accept Him. **12**But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, **13**who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, but of God.

### The Word Made Flesh

**14**And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only *Son* from the Father, full of grace and truth. **15**John \*testified about Him and called out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who is coming after me has proved to be my superior, because He existed before me.’” **16**For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. **17**For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. **18**No one has seen God at any time; God the only *Son*, who is in the arms of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

John 14:27 – Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; not as the world give, do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Restoration of Judah and Jerusalem in Joel Ch. 3 will judge from the valley of Jehoshaphat

Psalm 80

Acts 3:19-21

Is your identity in Christ

Restoring our bathroom

God takes our tear stained, broke, colorless, lightless and ugly lives and makes them beautiful in His sight

Jesus came to restore us and give us peace!!! Look at his parables, sermons, his dining with sinners…. Jesus came to restore faith in humanity, life to the spiritually dead, hope to the sinner, salvation for us all. His birth was so much more than just another day in history. It was the day hope, peace, joy, salvation, victory, and everythin that is good was born +

**Is Christmas in your heart year round?**

Do you have that joy and peace every day?

When that car cuts you off in traffic and you get heated and irritated - where’s the peace and love then?

When your boss sits you down and writes you up, scolds you, or even fires you - is the peace and love beyond all our understanding taking control of your life? Or is the false peace of the spirit of the antichrist that plages this world today?

In order to be restored this is what we have to do:

**Clean/Remove** - The ugly parts have to go away. Our lives have to be stripped down so that we can see the lies & sins weighing us down so that God can take them away removing the sin in our lives.

**Plan** - we need to think about what God wants for our lives and plan according to His word what our life will be

**Pour the Foundation** - Start building on God.

**Restored** - the new life is beautiful, blameless, dedicated to God. It’s pretty and full of light and life...

Don’t forget to dust off your life everyday. In order for restored furniture to continue looking brand new and restored. It still has to be cleaned, dusted, & taken care of.

You do this with the word of God!!

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