

THE MISSING PEACE, PART 3

The Gift of Peace

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"I am leaving you with a gift — peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." John 14:27 (NLT)

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'" Luke 2:10–14 (NIV)

UNWRAPPING THE GIFT OF PEACE FOR MY HEART

1. The gift is _____, not generic.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV)

- Believe that because of Jesus I am already _____.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (NIV)

2. The gift is _____, not earned.

- Receive that through Jesus it's already taken care of.

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God." Romans 5:1–2 (NIV)

3. The gift is _____, not later.

- Trust that with God in charge my future is _____.

"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." Isaiah 9:6–8 (NIV)

缺欠的平安 (三) 平安的禮物

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「我要留給你們一份禮物，那就是心靈的平安。我賜給你們的平安，是這個世界無法給予的。因此你們不必憂慮，也不要害怕。」 約翰福音 14:27 (新普及譯本)

「那天使對他們說：『不要懼怕！我報給你們大喜的信息，是關乎萬民的。因今天在大衛的城裏，為你們生了救主，就是主基督。你們要看見一個嬰孩，包着布，臥在馬槽裏，那就是記號了。』忽然，有一大隊天兵同那天使讚美神說：『在至高之處榮耀歸與神！在地上平安歸與他所喜悅的人！』」 路加福音 2:10-14 (和合本)

打開上帝給我們心靈平安的禮物

1. 禮物是「_____」的，不是「一般」的

「神愛世人，甚至將他的獨生子賜給他們，叫一切信他的，不至滅亡，反得永生。」 約翰福音 3:16 (和合本)

- 相信因着耶穌，我已被上帝_____

「但是上帝對我們顯示了無比的愛：當我們還是罪人的時候，基督已經為我們死了！」 羅馬書 5:8 (現代中文譯本)

2. 禮物是「_____」的，不是「賺取」的

- 透過耶穌，問題已經得到處理

「我們既因信稱義，就藉着我們的主耶穌基督得與神相和。我們又藉着他，因信得進入現在所站的這恩典中，並且歡歡喜喜盼望神的榮耀。」 羅馬書 5:1-2 (和合本)

3. 禮物是「_____」的，不是「以後」的

- 交託上帝掌管生命，我的未來會_____

「因有一嬰孩為我們而生，有一子賜給我們，政權必擔在他的肩頭上。他名稱為『奇妙策士』、『全能的神』、『永在的父』、『和平的君』！他的政權與平安必加增無窮。他必在大衛的寶座上治理他的國，以公平公義使國堅定穩固，從今直到永遠。萬軍之耶和華的熱心必成就這事。」 以賽亞書 9:6-7 (和合本)