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Dear Friends in Christ.

Praise the Name of Jesus Who is King of Kings and Prince of Peace.

At Christmas time we hear a lot about peace on earth. There are so many aspects to peace that it hard to cover it at one time. The main question is; Will there ever be peace on earth? Considering all we see today it looks so impossible but we are assured in God's word that it will come. Our next question would then be; How will it come about?

God is presently at work bringing His Kingdom on the earth and with His rule will come peace to those who are a part of His Kingdom.

Romans 14:17 "For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

Look at the basic elements of the Kingdom: The first is Righteousness. We define righteousness as, meeting the demands of a relationship. Because we are the righteousness of God in Christ, we are a part of the Kingdom.

2 Corinthians 5:21 "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

Isaiah 32:17 The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

The second part of the Kingdom is Peace. The wonderful thing about peace is that all circumstances don't have to be right for us to live in this Peace.

Isaiah 26:3 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

The peace we experience in the Kingdom is the result of Jesus victory over all that is evil. Hebrews 13:20-21 Now may the <u>God of peace</u> who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

The same God Who raised Jesus from the dead will bring Peace on earth.

Galatians 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

The third element of the Kingdom is Joy as we looked at last month.

Romans 15:13 "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

My Christmas prayer for you is that you will experience the fulness of the Kingdom of God. RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE and JOY be yours in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jessie and I want to wish you a Merry Christmas. May the Lord Bless you richly.

Thanks again for all your love, prayers, friendship and support.

Your Servant in Christ. ><> Wayne Brooke<><