



# Jesus The Lord Our Saviour

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"On earth peace among those whom he favours!"

(Luke 2:14)

# BLESSINGS OF GOD BE YOURS...



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**“Let Me Hear What God The LORD Will Speak,  
For He Will Speak Peace To His People, To His  
Faithful, To Those Who Turn To Him In Their  
Hearts..” (Psalm 85:83)**

O Jesus! O Holy One! O Son of God! I praise You!  
O God the source of Peace and our only comfort, I praise You!  
O wonder-working God! I praise You!  
O God! You who casts Your gaze on this world! I praise You!  
O Jesus LORD! You who recognise my heart aches and bruises! You who comfort me! I exalt You!  
O God! You who forgives the sinners who fall prostrate at Your feet with innumerable sins, with untellable woes! I too fall down at Your Holy Feet!  
LORD I have no one. I lay at Your feet as an orphan. You stretched out Your hands and manifested Your power to so many by saying just One Word!  
You spoke to the lepers! You spoke to the lame! You spoke to the sinners! You spoke to the corpses!  
LORD! With just a Word from You all of them were saved!  
O my God! Will You not speak but a Word to my heart? Speak dearest LORD!  
Speak Peace! Tell me that You forgive me! Tell me that You will and I shall be made clean! Just one Word would suffice for me!  
I shall be freed from sickness, from troubles, from sins and from the burdens of my heart.  
Thank You! O God! Thank You for speaking to me just now!  
Thank You for Your comfort! Thank You for Your grace!  
Thank You for Your divine Mercy!  
Thank You for Your Divine Peace!  
Thank You for placing Your hand on my head! Thank You my God! AMEN ! ALLELUIA !

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## BELOVED IN CHRIST...



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There are atrocities committed in different parts of the world! Innumerable confusions! Countless are the agonies, burdens and sufferings in several families! There are so many hurt feelings and sorrows in the hearts of several people! Man suffers from a confused state due to sinfulness resulting from the attractions of worldly pleasures, physical attractions, lustful behavior, arrogance and bitterness. So many are the people whose families are bereft of peace and joy in their hearts! Man is going astray very far away from God! Now touch your heart at this moment and analyse! Be it in our families or in our hearts, if we were to obtain peace, we should have obtained Divine mercy! We should be pleasing in the sight of God! When we do all that is pleasing and soothing to the heart of God, then His merciful gaze is bound to fall on us!

Work and slog tirelessly in order to be pleasing in God's sight and to always do things that are soothing to the heart of God. Then will God's merciful glance rest on you. When His merciful gaze rests on you, then, His peace will for sure remain stable in your hearts and in your homes. Try to please God in everything.

Then His mercy will remain with you! I wish you joy!

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# “FOR CHRIST IS OUR PEACE”



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“FOR CHRIST IS OUR PEACE” (Ephesians 2:14)

St. John beautifully explains the mystery of God becoming man by stating, “The Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us.” While we are still pondering over whether this mystery which is beyond human comprehension, is really true, St. John continues by way of clarifying our doubt:

“And we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

Two thousand years have gone by! The glory of the LORD was made manifest, filled with grace and truth and It made It’s dwelling as a human among human beings!

When we think deeply

“God became man!...”

“He dwelt among us!...”

This is an astonishing fact! Sends goose bumps! But is this true? So rises a question in our inner most thought .

If God had become Man, If God made His dwelling among people, then did He really understand the true nature and the real situation of being a human? Why are there so much of troubles enveloping human kind? Hunger, strife, sickness, ailments, fighting, confusion, slavery, casteism, religion, fanaticism over languages, atrocities, how did all these escape the eyes of God who became man?

A youngster working in a firm, who does not enjoy any care from his relatives, he sought comfort and solace in liquor by wasting away all his money. Now he is mentally sick. He goes about murmuring. Is God who became Man, with him also?

The husband has left and forsaken this woman. She has no children as well. Although she has relatives, it is equal to not having them at all. She does menial jobs, to fend for herself. She says, “ I have no one” , in disgust. Does the Son of God make His dwelling among this woman as well?

It is more than twenty five years since they are married. They have five children. This lady owns much property. Due to the successful business, the husband too has plenty of money. But... from the very beginning, her husband has got another woman to satisfy his pleasures. When the wife questions him about it, he would tell her, “ You mind your business. If you don’t like it, you leave the house” and thus shuts her mouth by just that one sentence. This lady sobbed stating, “ there is absolutely no peace in the house.” Has God pitched His tent even in this house?



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If we saw such agonies only in the individual lives of people, and in families, we are seeing more of cruelties in the societal level, and in the world over. There are countless number of crimes based on caste, religion, language and economy. The country of Yugoslavia which was under the clutches of the Communist regime, is slowly breaking free from these communist bondages that had chained them. But even in this small country, people are divided on the basis of caste, language, religion and they are fighting and heaping up people by killing them. The Orthodox Christians from Serbia and the Catholics from Croatia are fighting against each other ghastly for the past several months. More than fifty thousand people are rendered homeless, have become refugees and having lost their homes, are orphaned. Is God dwelling even among the refugees who are still fighting with each other?

The world-wide killer disease 'AIDS' is fast spreading its stings. It is spreading in India as well. It has been estimated that within the next ten years, India would be leading with the most number of AIDS cases. About 9% of AIDS patients from the world, would be in India. Already in the big metropolis like Delhi, Kolkota and Chennai this disease is spreading very fast, silently.

The basic reason for this: Shunning the ways nature has gifted, mankind has deteriorated by having sexual relations through unnatural means. They have shattered the pure sexual relationship within the family bonds, and thus the sanctity of family life having been lost is the main and sole reason for this situation. Does the Son of God dwell among the people even in this scenario?

Having noticed the failing state of humanity, God made a promise thus through the Prophet Isaiah:  
“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Im-man'u-el.” (Isaiah 7:14)

“Immanuel” means “God is with us.”

It is the plan of the Divine mercy of God to dwell among mankind and to purge, cleanse and purify them. The young man who was destroyed with drinking, the lady who was abandoned by her husband, the woman who had lost her peace, those who are suffering due to the injustices in the society, those given in to illicit relationships, it is to unburden such as these, to carry all who are segregated and abandoned, and to heal them all, that God has made His dwelling among us. This is what the Word of God reveals to us:

“You are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21)

God has planned to redeem him/her how ever great a sinner he/she may be.

It is to give light to those in darkness, to give life to those who are under the throes of death, that 'God is with us'.

“For a child is born to us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named 'Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.” (Isaiah 9:6-7)

The Son of God is “Mighty.”

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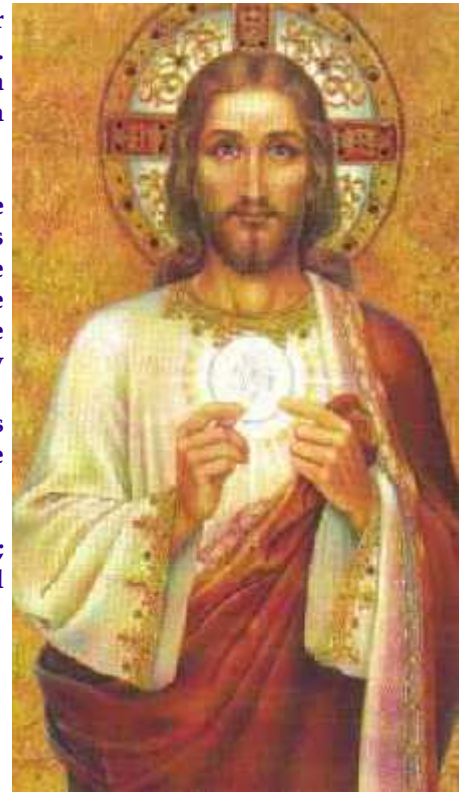
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“ In that day, says the LORD, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away, and those whom I have afflicted. The lame I will make the remnant, and those who were cast off, a strong nation; and the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion now and for ever more.” ( Malachi 4:6-7)

To enable the Righteous One to “dwell among us” and to have authority over us, we the people should allow Him to do so. This is where our responsibility lies. Although ‘The Word that was made flesh’ has dwelt among us for more than two thousand years, yet we are not completely freed from the evil doings that taint and accuse humanity. This does not mean that God is defeated or that His Glory has faded or that His care has gone amiss.

On the other hand, we the humanity have not yet tasted of God’s overflowing Mercy and His boundless Love. This only means that we have not yet understood it all.

“ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.” (John 1: 10-11)  
This is the Truth!



In order that God’s word takes root in the lives of individuals, among family relationships, and in the societal make-up, we should permit God’s Word to rule us in all ways. We should discard all that is a stumbling block for the rule of the Righteous One. We should have such a magnanimous and good heart.

The angels greeted , “ Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will.”The rule of God brings glory and pride to humanity. The angels are also aware of this truth. But this glory and fame- the resultant peace and prosperity is all dependant on us, human beings.We should remove all hatred that stands as a barricade to the Peace of God and to His Divine rule.” Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you.” ( II Thessalonians 3:16) Just as St. Paul greets us thus, we shall also greet each other.

We shall not just wish each other, only for the sake of the word, ‘Peace’. Our LORD Jesus forgives our sins. He carries up our sins, the big stumbling block between the Father and us. “For our sake he made him sin who knew no sin, “ (II Corinthians 5:21) , thus uniting us with the Father.” For he is our peace; in his flesh he has... broken down the dividing wall, that is the hostility between us.” ( Ephesians 2:14)

Thus ‘Christ became our peace.’ We who participate in Christ, we who are cleansed by Christ, when we think of the birth of Jesus Christ, let us give to others His peace and holiness, that we have received. We shall live as witnesses to the truth that, “Christ alone is our peace”!

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