



Merry Christmas Everyone!

We found the following on the website reasonsforhopeJESUS.com and we couldn't say it any better ourselves!

As we sat down to write our annual Christmas letter, we couldn't get our thoughts to just focus on our family and all the comings and goings this year. Rather our minds kept leaning towards the real reason for this season. Obviously, it is Christ's birth that we celebrate at Christmas, but we also celebrate the blessings we have because Jesus came. And among the many blessings Jesus gives us are JOY... NEW LIFE... HOPE and PEACE. It is this gift of Peace that we want to consider in our annual letter.

SO - What is it that brings you Peace? Not just transient peace, like that found in a beautiful sunset, but rather **deep and abiding peace** that can undergird your entire life experience. For us and many people that we know, that deep abiding peace is real and can be known! It is our heartfelt desire that everyone come to know and experience it!

So this Christmas, we share with you the words of truth that give us awesome **PEACE** in our lives:

The Lord Jesus said: "**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." (John 14:27)

The Prophet Isaiah said: "You [God] will keep in perfect **PEACE** all who trust in You, all whose thoughts are fixed on You!" (Isaiah 26:3)

King David said: "The **LORD** will give strength to His people; The **LORD** will bless His people with **PEACE**." (Psalm 29:11)

The Apostle Paul wrote: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the **PEACE** of God, which **surpasses all understanding**, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the **GOD OF PEACE** will be with you." (Philippians 4:6,7,9)

The writer of Hebrews wrote, "... be **CONTENT** with such things as you have. For [Jesus] Himself has said, 'I [**Jesus**] will never leave you nor forsake you..' So we may boldly say: '**The LORD is my helper; I will not fear**...'" (Hebrews 13:5-6)

We sincerely pray that you and your family will know this amazing **PEACE** and the **PERSON** through whom it is received.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

May each and every one of you, as you read this letter, feel our **LOVE** and may you especially experience His **deep and abiding PEACE** in your lives,