

Jesus is often the rejected gift.

A small boy was writing a letter to God about the Christmas presents he badly wanted. "I've been good for six months now," he wrote. But after a moment's reflection, he crossed out "six months" and wrote "three months." After a pause, that was crossed out, and he put "two weeks." There was another pause, and that was crossed out, too. He got up from the table and went over to the nativity scene that had the figures of Mary and Joseph. He picked up the figure of Mary, wrapped it gently in a cloth, and put it in a drawer in his room. He then went back to his writing and started again: "Dear God, if You ever want to see Your mother again . . ."

What did Jesus accomplish in His coming from Heaven to Earth?

The Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6-7 –

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, **THE PRINCE OF PEACE.**

7 Of the increase of his government and **PEACE** there shall be no end . . .

Why was Jesus called "The Prince of Peace"?

LUKE 2:10-14 –

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold I bring you good tidings of **GREAT JOY**, which shall be to **ALL PEOPLE**.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest and **ON EARTH PEACE AND GOOD WILL, GOD'S FAVOR, KINDLY INTENT AND BENEVOLENCE TOWARD MEN**.

What did the angel mean when he said, "on earth peace and good will toward men"?

Romans 10:15 - And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach **THE GOSPEL OF PEACE**, and bring **glad tidings of good things!**

The Gospel of peace, the Prince of Peace, and peace on earth are referring to peace between God and man, through Jesus Christ!

Romans 5:1 - Therefore being made Righteous by faith, we **HAVE PEACE WITH GOD** through Jesus Christ our Lord!

If one knows he is righteous before God, he will be at peace with God. More importantly, God will be at peace with him. He will no longer live in fear of judgment and death.

The fear of death is connected to not having peace with God.

Romans 5:8 - **But God introduced and proved his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us!**

- Welcome to his love!
- He was born to die—
- For you!

II Corinthians 5:17-21 –

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature or a new creation. The past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

18 From first to last this has been "THE WORK OF GOD." He has reconciled us to himself through Christ and he has enlisted us in this service of reconciliation.

19 That is that God was in Christ **"MAKING PEACE"** between the world and himself, no longer holding men's misdeeds and sins against them and has committed "UNTO US" the message that **"GOD IS RECONCILED AND AT PEACE WITH MAN"**! 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ. It is as if God is making a request of you through us. To tell them, "WE IMPLORE YOU ON CHRIST'S BEHALF; BE RECONCILED TO GOD".

21 For God has made Jesus to be sin for us, in order that we might be made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

II Corinthians 9:15 - Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

Jesus is the unspeakable gift or the gift that words cannot describe.

What will you do with "That Gift"?