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Why Did Jesus Come To Earth? Part 3 of 5
He Came To Give Us Peace
Psalm 85:8
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Isaiah 66:12 & 13 (ESV) For thus says the Lord:
“Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,
and the glory of the nations like an overflowing
stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried
upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. 13 As
one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort
you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

Isaiah 66:1 & 2 (ESV) Thus says the Lord:
“Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my
footstool; what is the house that you would build
for me, and what is the place of my rest? 2 All
these things my hand has made, and so all these
things came to be, declares the Lord. But this is
the one to whom I will look: he who is humble
and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.

I. He Speaks Peace Through His Cross

A. The way of peace is forsaken.

Romans 3:10–18 (ESV) as it is written: “None is
righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands;
no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside;
together they have become worthless; no one
does good, not even one.” 13 “Their throat is an
open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.”
“The venom of asps is under their lips.” 14 “Their
mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” 15 “Their
feet are swift to shed blood; 16 in their paths are
ruin and misery, 17 and the way of peace they
have not known.” 18 “There is no fear of God
before their eyes.”

Isaiah 59:8 (ESV) The way of peace they do not
know, and there is no justice in their paths; they
have made their roads crooked; no one who
treads on them knows peace.

Isaiah 59:1 & 2 (ESV) Behold, the Lord’s hand is
not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull,
that it cannot hear; 2 but your iniquities have

made a separation between you and your God,
and your sins have hidden his face from you so
that he does not hear.

Jeremiah 8:11 (ESV) They have healed the
wound of my people lightly, saying, ‘Peace,
peace,’ when there is no peace.

B. The God of peace brings peace.

2 Corinthians 5:18–21 (ESV) All this is from God,
who through Christ reconciled us to himself and
gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is,
in Christ God was reconciling the world to
himself, not counting their trespasses against
them, and entrusting to us the message of
reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are
ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal
through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made
him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we
might become the righteousness of God.

Romans 5:8 (ESV) but God shows his love for us
in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for
us.

1 John 4:10 (ESV) In this is love, not that we have
loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son
to be the propitiation for our sins.

Psalm 85:10 & 11 (ESV) Steadfast love and
faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss
each other. 11 Faithfulness springs up from the
ground, and righteousness looks down from the
sky.

Hebrews 13:20 & 21 (ESV) Now may the God of
peace who brought again from the dead our Lord
Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the
blood of the eternal covenant, 21 equip you with
everything good that you may do his will,
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight,

through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

C. Jesus makes peace with God.

Colossians 1:19 & 20 (ESV) For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Isaiah 53:10 & 11 (ESV) Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Romans 5:1 (ESV) Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalms 85:9 (ESV) Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

II. He Brings Peace Through the Gospel

A. Jesus speaks peace.

Matthew 4:17 (ESV) From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Mark 2:1–12 (ESV) And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. 2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. 3 And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. 4 And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. 5 And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question

these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'?" 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— 11 "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." 12 And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Matthew 11:28–30 (ESV) Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Romans 10:8–10 (ESV) But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

B. He speaks to His people.

John 10:27 (ESV) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

Ephesians 2:17–22 (ESV) And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

1 Peter 2:9 & 10 (ESV) But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Corinthians 1:2 (ESV) To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

C. The message He speaks is the Gospel.

Romans 10:13–17 (ESV) For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” 14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Romans 1:16 (ESV) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

1 Thessalonians 1:4 & 5 (ESV) For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

Ephesians 6:15 (ESV) and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

III. He Calls On His People To Pursue Peace

A. Seeking peace.

1 Peter 3:10–12 (ESV) For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; 11 let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

Philippians 4:6–9 (ESV) do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests

be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Psalms 85:12 & 13 (ESV) Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. 13 Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

B. Living in peace.

Romans 12:18 (ESV) If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Ephesians 4:30–32 (ESV) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

2 Corinthians 5:18 (ESV) All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

C. Sharing peace.

Matthew 5:9 (ESV) “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (ESV) Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Hebrews 12:15 (ESV) See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

Romans 5:10 & 11 (ESV) For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Psalm 85:8 (ESV) Let me hear what God the Lord
will speak, for he will speak peace to his people,
to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.