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GOD'S GIFT AT  
*Christmas*

**"THE GIFT OF PEACE"**

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**ISAIAH 9:6 (ESV)** "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...and his name shall be called...PRINCE OF PEACE."

**JOHN 14:27 (ESV)** "PEACE, I leave with you; My PEACE I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

**INSIGHT:** Peace is a gift of Christmas, but a reality few experience.

**INSIGHT:** There are 3 kinds of peace, and all of us need each of them at times in our lives:

1. Spiritual peace...It's peace with God.
2. Emotional peace... It's peace with yourself.
3. Relational peace... It's peace with others.

**I. PEACE WITH GOD, SPIRITUAL PEACE, 2 Corinthians 5:19**

**TRUTH:** God doesn't want you and me to live disconnected from Him and at death be barred from heaven. We can have peace with God and hope of heaven by relying on what Jesus has done for us.

**II. PEACE WITHIN, EMOTIONAL PEACE, Colossians 3:15**

For a broken heart, there's comforting peace (John 14:27).  
For a confused heart, there's guiding peace (Isaiah 30:18, 21).  
For a heart of shame, there's forgiving peace (2 Chronicles 7:14).  
For a worried heart, there's confident peace (Philippians 4:6).

**TRUTH:** God has a peace for every life problem (Hebrews 13:5).

**III. PEACE WITH OTHERS**

**KEY TRUTH:** The more out of whack we are with God, the more out of whack we'll be with other people.

**INSIGHT:** The closer you are to God and the closer your spouse and those around you are to God, the closer you will be to each other.

#### **IV. HOW DO YOU ENJOY THE PEACE OF GOD, PEACE WITH GOD AND PEACE WITH OTHERS?**

##### 1. THE NEED FOR AN "AHA" MOMENT

**INSIGHT:** God wants us all to have a moment of clarity (Isaiah 6:5).

##### 2. WE NEED AN ATTITUDE OF HUMILITY (James 4:6).

**TRUTH:** God blesses humility.

**INSIGHT:** God isn't moved by our whining, griping, and complaining. Humility alone moves the hand of God.

**INSIGHT:** We were made for God and by God. We were made to be loved by God, and God wants us to learn to love Him back.

**TRUTH:** Nothing touches the heart of God to work in our broken lives like humility (Matthew 11:28-29).