



Which piece fits properly?

Placing the right piece means that all the other pieces fit properly. What a change to the picture of your life if God was in charge of putting it together. Jesus said

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

God's peace is better than getting a gift of a 1500 piece jigsaw or even completing it. It is incomparably better than any gift or achievement you could ever have.

You might never finish the Christmas jigsaw but make sure your life is complete.

Christmas Peace



**the
big
picture**



Finding the missing piece

For many a jigsaw is a good present. They are presents that you either love or hate.

It is frustrating to have so much blue sky and water and not be able to find the right piece.

I know someone who has admitted to hiding a piece of a jigsaw so that he could put in the last piece!



Life is a bit like that. Sometimes we are not sure how the pieces fit together and for most of us there always seems to be a piece of our lives missing.

Do you feel like that?

*May the God of Peace
grant you his peace this Christmas*



The missing piece is peace

When God also became a human being as a baby that first Christmas, the announcement of his birth wasn't in a newspaper or on social media.

It came to shepherds and was made by angels. The angels said

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."

Luke 2:14



The angels said that Jesus was to be the Saviour and that it was for people's benefit.

He came to show God's favour to you and provide the missing piece to your life. He came to give you peace.

Would you like to have peace and have your life a completed picture?



The missing piece lets fear show through

It is always good to have a contrasting background behind the jigsaw. It makes it easier to see what is missing.

Our lives are filled with fears not peace! The contrast is huge.

The Shepherds that first Christmas were afraid too because the angel said

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

Luke 2:10

Fear is often the resulting emotion from doing things wrong. God calls failures and wrongdoings sin.

Putting pieces in our lives doesn't solve the problem, for

...all our righteous acts are like filthy rags.

Isaiah 64:6

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1John 1:8

So how do I get the missing piece from Jesus?



Jesus is the Prince of Peace

This is what was foretold about him.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, ...And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Jesus came into this world as the most wonderful 'Christmas present' of all time... so that we could be 'put right' with our Creator...

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...

1 Timothy 1:15

For...

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8



The truth is, we can never know the peace OF God until we find peace WITH God by turning from all we know to be wrong for ...

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness.

1 Peter 2:24

So what would that look like?



New picture

Are you ready to accept His terms for becoming a true follower?

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23



In asking the risen Lord Jesus into your life by His Spirit, you receive forgiveness and a completely new start. For

...if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Jesus doesn't hide the piece. He came to put his peace in your life.