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Right Now

1) Right now, billions of people, including you, desperately need three things that Jesus Christ alone can give:

1. **Peace** that works for every issue and in every situation
2. **Power** to overcome or endure every challenge
3. **Partnership** that provides every real need

There are three reasons Jesus Christ alone can give these things:

1. **Because of who He is**
2. **Because of what He's done**
3. **Because of what He controls**

Isaiah 9:6; Colossians 1:13-22; Isaiah 48:22; Romans 5:1; Mark 4:35-41;

John 14:27 – “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.”

John 16:33; 2 Thessalonians 3:16; Isaiah 26:3; Mark 5:25-34; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10; Matthew 6:31-33; Romans 8:32

2) What Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, did 2,000 years ago He still wants to do in us and through us right now! *Luke 4:14-21*

1. Good news to the poor or “have-not” ones
2. Healing for the brokenhearted or “let-down” ones
3. Freedom for prisoners or “locked up” ones
4. Sight for the blind or “shut out” ones
5. Release for the oppressed or “kicked around” ones

Acts 1:8; Matthew 5:14-16; James 2:14-17; Hebrews 13:20-21

3) That's why our church does the PEACE Plan right now!

**P- Proclaim Christ, Promote reconciliation,
Plant churches**

E- Equip servant leaders

A- Assist the poor and exploited

C- Care for the sick and suffering

E- Educate the next generation and Eradicate injustice

Matthew 5:9 – “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.” James 3:18

Here's what you can do right now:

1. **Fill a PEACE cup! Give \$2 a day (or more) for 20 days.**
2. **Pray through the PEACE Guide.**
3. **Sow PEACE by sending a thank you card to someone who serves you.**

Discussion Questions:

1. Of the three things Jesus can alone give, which do you need from Him the most right now? How have you experienced His peace at a critical time in your life?
2. Take time to read through Jesus' words in the temple about who He came to love and what He could do for them. Has He done those things in your life? Which ones?
3. Review the PEACE Plan. Isn't it exciting to get to do what Jesus did and be blessed so much by doing it? Will you fill the PEACE Cup and write a thank you card this week? Pray together about being His peacemaker
“right now!”