## Behind the Hymn: Sweet Peace

Imagine peace. Peace in every relationship. Peace with every individual. Peace among all human beings. Peace with God. Peace within ourselves. Peace throughout all creation.

No conflict. No fear. Perfect harmony.

But peace is not bland. With peace comes complete well-being. Life to the full, deep and high and wide. Life reaching the full dimensions for which our all-loving, all-wise, all-powerful Creator conceived it. Life and love in full bloom, filling all reality.

That is the promise of Isaiah 11. That promise is ours in Jesus Christ. He will bring God's peace. He has already brought this peace between God and all who trust Him. That peace will soon fill all creation.

Isn't that a reason to celebrate Christ's coming? Isn't that a reason for hope and joy and praise this Christmas?

Early on Sunday morning, December 6, 1998, I read Isaiah 11, and "Sweet Peace" was completed a few days later.

--Ken Bible

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