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PEACE AND CELEBRATIONS

Great joy lights across the faces of men, women and children who have suffered so much during the 6 years of World War II. Many must have lost the love of their lives in the death of their husbands and sons killed in action. The joy and thankfulness that they have survived and peace has returned is on their faces for all to see.

This was the scene at the thousands of street parties held across the land. One lady describes the hats they made; "Most of us just wore home-made hats. My mother made my hat by covering a custard tin. The brim was made of cardboard." They had so little but yet had so much to be thankful for.

In stark contrast we have so much and yet are so unhappy. We have peace in our land but trouble in our hearts. A recent study found that UK youngsters are some of the most unhappy in Europe. What a contrast this is to those in these pictures. How can we find true happiness?

Whilst we have so much there still remains a hole in our hearts. A hole which Augustine remarked could only be filled by God. If we are to have peace in our hearts we must get peace with God.

The Bible tells us that when we trust in the Saviour Jesus Christ we can have peace with God.

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

To have peace we need to be made justified - reconciled to God of whom we are enemies and with who we are at war. How does this happen? Only through our Lord Jesus Christ! He has paid the punishment which we deserve for our sins. Therefore we can know that peace with God, a peace which is just as real and joyful as those who knew and felt the new found peace of 1945.