

*“The Peace of Christmas”*

**Luke 2:8-20**

*“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”*

## **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

“Hark the herald angels sing, glory to  
the new born king, *peace on earth* and  
mercy mild, God and sinners  
reconciled...”

## **It Came Upon A Midnight Clear**

“It came upon the midnight clear, that  
glorious song of old. From angels bending  
near the earth to touch their harps of gold;  
*peace on the earth*, good will to men, from  
heaven’s all gracious king.”

## Luke 2:14

“Glory to God in the heavenly heights,  
Peace to all men and women on earth who  
please him.” (the Message)

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth,  
peace among men with whom He is pleased.”  
(NAS)

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace  
to men on whom his favor rests.” (NIV)

*“While the emperor may give peace from war on land and sea, he is unable to give peace from passion, grief and envy. He cannot give peace of heart, for which man yearns, more than even for outward peace.” - Epictetus*

# The Peace of Christmas

❖ Peace with God

## Romans 5:1

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have *peace with God* through our Lord Jesus Christ ...”



## Romans 5:9,10

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be *saved from the wrath of God* through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

“Without justification it is impossible to have real peace. Conscience forbids it. Sin is a mountain between a man and God, and must be taken away. The sense of guilt lies heavy on the heart and must be removed.

Unpardoned sin will murder peace. The true Christian knows all this well. His peace arises from a consciousness of his sins being forgiven, and his guilt being put away. ... He has peace with God, because he is justified.”

*-J.C. Ryle*

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❖ Peace with God

❖ Peace of God

## Philippians 4:6,7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the *peace of God*, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*NIV – “transcends all understanding”*

*“Peace is not the absence of trouble, but the presence of God.”*

**- J. Oswald Sanders**

# The Peace of Christmas

- ❖ Peace with God
  - ❖ Peace of God
- ❖ Peace with Others

## **Hebrews 12:14**

Pursue peace with all people, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord

## **Romans 12:18**

If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all people.

## **Romans 12:1**

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship (NIV)



## **Romans 12:14-16**

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

## **Proverbs 16:7**

“When a man’s ways are pleasing to the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.”

*“Grace and peace are twin sisters,  
grace being the firstborn. Where grace  
abounds, peace thrives. Where grace is  
stunted, peace shrivels.”*

**-Charles Stanley**

*"Peace is the result of grace. It literally means, 'to bind together'. In other words, the peace which comes from unmerited, unearned love can weave and bind our fragmented lives into wholeness. And the civil war of divergent drives, which makes us feel like rubber bands stretched in all directions, is ended. The Lord is in control. He has forgiven the past, He is in charge of now, and shows the way for each new day."*

*-Lloyd John Ogilvie*

