

TRUE and Lasting PEACE ~ Luke 2:8-2

→Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 2:11-14, Rom. 5:1-2

The PRINCE of PEACE ~ Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**.

He is WORTHY to bear these Names because they are an Accurate description of His **Being** and **Character**. Constable

⁷ Of the increase of His government and **peace** there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

IMPLICATIONS

We can REST Knowing God KEEPS His Promises

- We can KNOW that we HAVE eternal life- 1 Jn. 5:13
- I will Never leave you or ABANDON you- Heb. 13:5
- Nothing anywhere can SEPARATE me from God's Love- Rom. 8:38
- EVERYTHING we go Through has a Good PURPOSE- Rm. 8:28

ANGELS Proclaimed PEACE ~ Luke 2:8-20

⁸ And there were **shepherds** living out in the fields **nearby**, keeping watch over their flocks **at night**. ⁹ **AN ANGEL** of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were **TERRIFIED**. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "**Do not be afraid**. I bring you **GOOD NEWS** of great **JOY** that **will be for ALL the people**. ¹¹ Today in the town of David **a SAVIOR has been born** to you; He is **CHRIST** the Lord. ¹² This will be a **sign to you: You will FIND** a baby wrapped in cloths and **lying in a manger**. ¹³ Suddenly a **great company of the heavenly HOST** appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest, and **on earth PEACE** to men on whom His favor rests.

The number of the angelic host may be too large for the human mind to fathom. Note that here **the heavenly army brought a message of peace**. MacArthur

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, **Let's GO** to Bethlehem and see this thing that **has happened**, which the Lord has told us about. ¹⁶ So they hurried off and **found Mary and Joseph, and the BABY**, who was **lying in the manger**. ¹⁷ When they had **seen Him**, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, **glorifying and praising God** for ALL the things they had **heard and seen**, which **were JUST as they had been told**.

IMPLICATIONS

→Through Jesus we can have Peace WITH God

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, Do not be afraid. I bring you **Good News** of great **JOY** that will be for **ALL the people**.

¹¹ Today in the town of David **a Savior has been BORN** to you; He is Christ the Lord.

This is the only place in N.T. where these three titles occur like this **Savior, Christ, Lord** MBI

Savior - His Mission

Christ - His Royalty son of David the Messiah

LORD - His Authority a Name or Title for God

Acts 10:36 (NLT) This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel - that there is **PEACE with God THROUGH** Jesus Christ, who is **LORD of ALL**.

¹² ...**You will FIND** a BABY wrapped in cloths and **lying in a manger**.

God's answer to everything that has ever terrorized the world is a BABY. His answer to the tyrants that parade through history is NOT to become a tyrant or to rebel. **God's answer is Jesus**. PTW

¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth PEACE to men on whom His favor rests.

Jesus did NOT come to Destroy His enemies, but to make PEACE with them. He came to turn His enemies into Friends. Guthrie

Colossians 1:21-22 (NIV) Once you were ALIENATED from God and were ENEMIES in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now He has reconciled you BY Christ's physical body through DEATH to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from ACCUSATION...

Colossians 1:19-20 (NIV) For God was pleased to have ALL His fullness dwell in Him, ²⁰ and THROUGH Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making PEACE through His blood, shed on the cross.

Romans 5:1-2 (NIV) Therefore, since we have been justified through FAITH, we have PEACE with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access BY FAITH into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

PEACE with God means the Christian no longer lives with fear of judgment and the WRATH of God but has PEACE with God, which is not merely a feeling but an solid reality. ESV

PEACE with God is based on what God has DONE not how we FEEL. HNT

My hope is built on nothing less - Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, - But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, - Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, - Faultless to stand before the throne.

TAKE AWAY ??

→Because of Jesus we can have the Peace OF God

Colossians 3:15 (NIV) Let the Peace **OF** Christ **RULE** in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to PEACE. And be thankful.