

A Christmas Message



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which is Christ the Lord"*



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



*"For the grace of God that
bringeth salvation hath ap-
peared to all men."*

At this Christmas time we think of the announcement of the **angel** of the Lord who was sent to the shepherds about nineteen hundred and forty-two years ago:

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour Which is Christ the Lord."

Then note the verses which follow immediately:

"And this shall be a **sign** unto you: Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling **clothes, lying** in a manger."

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying"

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

In the Bible God is called the God of **peace**. The Lord Jesus Christ is called the Prince of peace. In the Bible God has promised universal **peace** on earth. But instead we behold a world war. Some day there will be world **peace**, for surely the Prince of peace will come, and the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

"Now **the** God of hope fill you **with** all peace and joy in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit."
Romans **15:13**.



The Christmas season is at hand ;
Christ's name is heard in every land,
He's the Lord of **G**lory : What a **N**ame !
What a great salvation to proclaim !
Christ was born as no other one,
The Seed of woman, but God's own Son,
God's prophets long foretold His birth ;
That God would visit man on earth,
To reveal His love to Adam's race,
And bring salvation by His grace.
When God declared the time at hand ;
God's Son appeared in Israel's land.

The virgin Mary was God's choice,
And so she heard the angel's voice.
He told how Christ, the Holy Child,
Would be born to her, but undefiled.
Christ Jesus would be David's **S**eed ;
God's kingdom nation would be freed.

So Christ was born for David's throne ;
But the Saviour must for sin atone,
He was measured by God's holy law,
And lived on earth without one flaw,
He proved His claim by word and sign,
That He was human and was Divine.

Such deeds of mercy never **k**nown ;
Such grace to sinners never shown.
He healed the blind, the sick, the lame,
The souls of men in sin and shame.
He calmed the sea, increased the food ;
All Christ did on earth was good.

But signs and deeds were all in vain ;
The rulers would not have Him reign.
Christ knew no sin, He broke no laws ;
But they hated Him without a cause.
And religious men who knew Him not
Went unto Judas with their plot.



His price was named, the money paid,
And so the Saviour was betrayed.
God's Son must die, was their decree,
So He was nailed to Calvary's tree.
They knew not when they did their **crime**,
It was God's own appointed time.

For His death God's Son was made;
And on that Son our sins were laid.
Christ on the tree for sinners died,
The Lord of **glory** was crucified.
He died **for me** and He died **for you**;
God's Book says **this**, and it is true.

Out from His grave, as Christ had said,
The Saviour came forth, no longer dead.
Yea, from death God's Son was raised;
He was seen by friends for forty days.
With those friends He communed and ate.
They were to **witness**, watch and wait.

Christ would be with them to the **end**;
Behold, they saw the Lord ascend.
Christ opened up the living way;
At God's right hand He lives **today**.
And there exalted on heaven's throne
He's in God's presence for His own.

In Christ **believers** are **secure**;
God's Word is true and heaven sure.
And when redemption day is here
Believers shall with Christ appear:
Appear in **glory** with the Lord,
And there receive their sure reward.
God's door of **grace** is opened **wide**,
But each must for himself decide.
Receive **God's** gift, **by** faith, and **live**:
Let God pardon, cleanse, forgive.
At peace with God, surely for you
Christmas will have a meaning new.

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto **you**. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

"**That** in Me ye might have peace: In the world ye shall **have** tribulation; but be of good cheer: **I** have overcome the world."

It is blessed to know that in the midst of trouble we can find peace and good cheer in **the** Christ of Christmas.

MORE ABOUT PEACE

"For the **kingdom** of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness and **peace**, and joy in the Holy Spirit" Romans 14:17.

"And having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself . . . And **you**, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now **hath** He reconciled." Colossians 1:20 and 21.

"**Therefore being** justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1.

"Be careful for **nothing**; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of **God**, which **passeth** all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ" Philippians 4:6 and 7.

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