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When the announcement of the birth of Jesus was given by angels, to the shepherds and to all of humanity, from God it was a message of Peace.

Luke 2:14 NKJV : 14 “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” (Peace means: security, safety, prosperity, happiness, to be as one, (because peace and harmony make and keep things safe and prosperous).

I. True peace can only come to an individual through Jesus Christ.

John 14:27-28 NLT : 27 “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid. 28 “Remember what I told you...”

John 16:33 NKJV : 33 These things I have “SPOKEN” to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation(anguish, burdens, trouble, persecutions, pressures, cares, anxieties), but be of good cheer(have courage) I have overcome the world.”

A. How do we maintain this gift of peace in a world of chaos and fear?

Isaiah 26:3-4 NKJV : 3 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You. 4 Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD, [He is your fortress, your shield, your banner] is everlasting strength.

* **Mind:** Hebrew meaning is imagination, to frame something, to form or fashion something.

It could be translated: You will keep him in perfect peace whose imagination--the formation of one’s thoughts, the fashioning of one’s future in images--is stayed on You.

Romans 12:1-2 NKJV: 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

* **Stayed:** Hebrew meaning is to be established, steadfast, and rooted and grounded.

1. What happens if my mind is not rooted and grounded in the Word of God?

Mark 4:16-17 NKJV: 16 These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17 and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble(become offended and fall away)

Colossians 1:19-23 NKJV: 19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. 21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— 23 if indeed you continue in the faith,

grounded and steadfast, and are not “moved away”(to intentionally move from one position to another, to fall away)
from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

2. A mind not in peace is a mind not focused or stayed on God and His Word. It is a life that is shallow in faith and relies more on the 5 senses than faith in God.

Romans 8:5-8 NKJV: 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.