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AN INCARNATION OF PEACE

A GATEWAY COLLECTION



“BECAUSE OF GOD’S TENDER MERCY, THE MORNING LIGHT FROM HEAVEN IS ABOUT TO BREAK UPON US, TO GIVE LIGHT TO THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH, AND TO GUIDE US TO THE PATH OF PEACE.”

LUKE 1:78–79

“THAT NIGHT THERE WERE SHEPHERDS STAYING IN THE FIELDS NEARBY, GUARDING THEIR FLOCKS OF SHEEP. SUDDENLY, AN ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED AMONG THEM, AND THE RADIANCE OF THE LORD’S GLORY SURROUNDED THEM. THEY WERE TERRIFIED, BUT THE ANGEL REASSURED THEM. “DON’T BE AFRAID!” HE SAID. “I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS THAT WILL BRING GREAT JOY TO ALL PEOPLE. THE SAVIOR—YES, THE MESSIAH, THE LORD—”

“HAS BEEN BORN TODAY IN BETHLEHEM, THE CITY OF DAVID! AND YOU WILL RECOGNIZE HIM BY THIS SIGN: YOU WILL FIND A BABY WRAPPED SNUGLY IN STRIPS OF CLOTH, LYING IN A MANGER.” SUDDENLY, THE ANGEL WAS JOINED BY A VAST HOST OF OTHERS—THE ARMIES OF HEAVEN—PRAISING GOD AND SAYING, “GLORY TO GOD IN HIGHEST HEAVEN, AND PEACE ON EARTH TO THOSE WITH WHOM GOD IS PLEASED.”

LUKE 2:13–14

“FOR A CHILD IS BORN TO US, A SON IS GIVEN TO US. THE GOVERNMENT (DOMINION/RULE) WILL REST ON HIS SHOULDERS. AND HE WILL BE CALLED: WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE (RULER, CHIEF) OF PEACE. HIS GOVERNMENT (DOMINION/RULE) AND ITS PEACE WILL NEVER END. HE WILL RULE WITH FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE FROM THE THRONE OF HIS ANCESTOR DAVID FOR ALL ETERNITY.”

ISAIAH 9:6–7  
NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

“NOW WHEN HE WAS ASKED BY THE PHARISEES WHEN THE KINGDOM OF GOD WOULD COME, HE ANSWERED THEM AND SAID, “THE KINGDOM OF GOD DOES NOT COME WITH OBSERVATION; NOR WILL THEY SAY, ‘SEE HERE!’ OR ‘SEE THERE!’ FOR INDEED, THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU.”

LUKE 17:21  
NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

“THEREFORE, HAVING BEEN JUSTIFIED BY FAITH,  
WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH OUR LORD  
JESUS CHRIST, THROUGH WHOM ALSO WE HAVE  
ACCESS BY FAITH INTO THIS GRACE IN WHICH WE  
STAND, AND REJOICE IN HOPE OF THE GLORY OF  
GOD.”

ROMANS 5:1  
NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

“THEREFORE DO NOT LET WHAT IS FOR YOU A  
GOOD THING BE SPOKEN OF AS EVIL;  
FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT EATING AND  
DRINKING, BUT RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE AND  
JOY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.”

ROMANS 14:17



**“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 UNDERSTANDING, WILL  
GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS THROUGH  
CHRIST JESUS.”**

“FINALLY, BRETHREN, WHATEVER THINGS ARE TRUE, WHATEVER THINGS ARE NOBLE, WHATEVER THINGS ARE JUST, WHATEVER THINGS ARE PURE, WHATEVER THINGS ARE LOVELY, WHATEVER THINGS ARE OF GOOD REPORT, IF THERE IS ANY VIRTUE AND IF THERE IS ANYTHING PRAISEWORTHY—MEDITATE ON THESE THINGS. THE THINGS WHICH YOU LEARNED AND RECEIVED AND HEARD AND SAW IN ME, THESE DO, AND THE GOD OF PEACE WILL BE WITH YOU.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:6–9