



All I want for  
Christmas

# Peace & Expectations

Luke 1:8-15



“A true crime of the soul is anything that robs us of peace – that is God’s gift!”



\* Luke 2:8,9 Now it happened that while he was performing his priestly service before God in the appointed order of his division, according to the custom of the priestly office, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense.



\* 10,11 And the whole multitude of the people were in prayer outside at the hour of the incense offering. And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense.



\*12,13 Zacharias was troubled when he saw the angel, and fear gripped him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John.



\* 14,15 You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb.



“Not everyone who has made peace with  
God has realized the peace of God.”  
Vance Havner





Therefore, having been justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our  
Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we  
have obtained our introduction by faith  
into this grace in which we stand; and we  
exult in hope of the glory of God.”

Rom 5:1,2



# \* Peace with Heaven - Rom 5:1,2

- Justified by faith
- Peace with God
- Through Jesus Christ
- Obtained and Stand
- We glorify God!



“God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing.”

C.S. Lewis



\*“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.” Php 4:6,7



# \* Peace within Ourselves - Php 4:6,7

- ‘anxious’ is antonym for peace = at rest
- Life of peace includes: Prayer, Dependence & Thanksgiving!
- Peace of God NOT peace from the world
- Guards emotion and intellect



“What peace can they have who are not  
at peace with God?” Matthew Henry



\* Eph 2:13,14 But now in Christ Jesus you\*  
who formerly were far off have been\*  
brought near by the blood of Christ. For  
He Himself is our peace, who made both  
groups into one and broke down the  
barrier of the dividing wall,



\* 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity,  
which is the Law of commandments  
contained in ordinances, so that in  
Himself He might make the two into one  
new man, thus establishing peace,





16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.



# \* Peace with Others - Eph 2:13-16

- ‘dividing wall’ – Jews and Gentiles
- Drawn together by common need
- Blended together by common grace
- Worshiping together by common future



“Lord, make me an instrument of thy  
peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow  
love.” Francis of Assisi



\* “And suddenly there appeared with the  
angel a multitude of the heavenly host  
praising God and saying, “Glory to God  
in the highest, And on earth peace among  
men with whom He is pleased.”

Luke 2:13,14



# \* Peace with All - Luke 2:13,14

- Angels give the long-term message
- Glory to God!
- Peace on Earth!
- Redeemer is born!



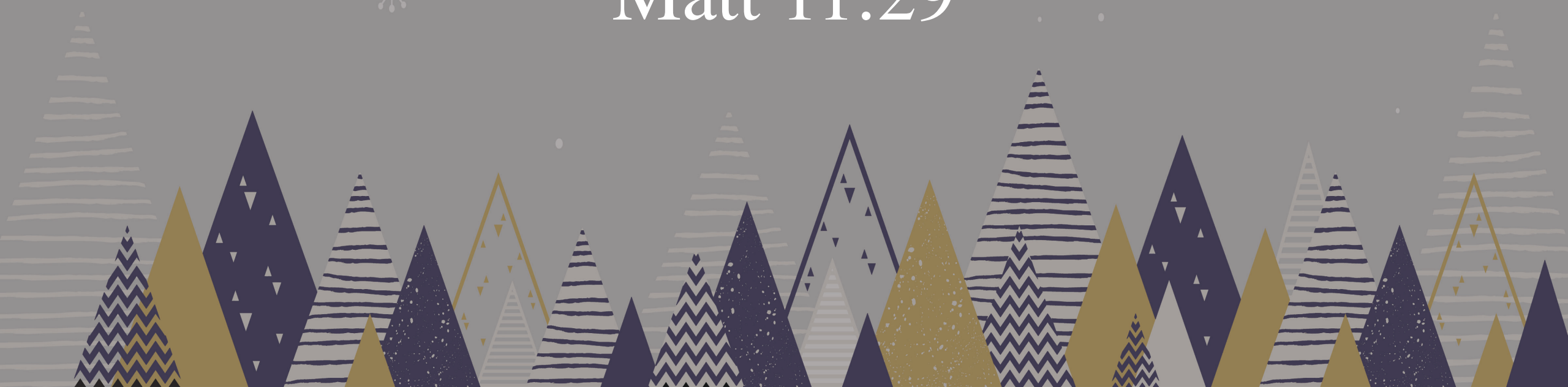
“Christ alone can bring lasting peace -  
peace with God - peace among men and  
nations - and peace within our hearts.”

Billy Graham



“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Matt 11:29



Jesus had a gentle birth

- lived a humble & sinless life
- offered Himself without complaint
- quietly raised on the third day
- softly now invites you to His heart!







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