

THE
PROMISES
OF
CHRISTMAS



A digital illustration of a nativity scene. In the center, a baby Jesus lies in a manger, glowing with a bright light. Two figures, likely Mary and Joseph, are positioned around the manger. Above them, a bright star shines in a dark blue, starry night sky. The background shows rolling hills and a distant town with a domed building. The entire scene is framed by a large, double-lined diamond shape.

Peace

Luke

2:14




Luke 2:

8 ¶ In the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; 11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.



Luke 2:

12 "This *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

A white dove is shown in flight, moving from right to left across the upper portion of the image. The dove's wings are fully extended, and it has a bright, glowing halo around its head. The background features a serene landscape with a body of water in the foreground, silhouetted trees along the shore, and a sky transitioning from a deep blue to a warm orange and yellow glow near the horizon, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

*...and His name shall
be called
Prince of*

PEACE

Father's Desire...

- From the Garden
- Conflict inside and out
- No peace for the wicked (Isa 48:22)
- Cry for peace (Jer 6:14; Ezk 13:16)



1. Stand before God

- Shepherds had no idea...
- An ordinary day at work?
- Glory of the Lord “around them”
- Response? “terribly frightened”



2. STOP fearing!

- Angels know our hearts responses
- “I bring you...” – take it!
- Activate the good news of great joy
- “you will find...”



3. Find Jesus!

- We cannot have peace without HIM!
- Many want peace, but not God...





His peace

Eph 2:14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into* one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,

Joh 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

Joh 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

3. Find Jesus!

- We cannot have peace without HIM!
 - Many want peace, but not God...
- WHY? The blood bought it!
 - It had a high cost – making us ‘right’





He is our peace!

Col 1:20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

Ro 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

4. Join the praise

- Angelic army shouts in praise...
- Please GOD! – peace!
- Enthroned the Prince of Peace
- All is calm, all is bright... REST!





Hebrews 13:

20 Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord,

21 equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PEACE

ON EARTH

