

The Gift of Hope: the Penalty of Sin Paid

Luke 2:8-14

Luke 2:8–14 (CSB)

8 In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock. 9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: 11 Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger.” 13 Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: 14 Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people he favors!

- Hope in English “Preference without certainty”
- Biblical Hope “Promise with certainty”

Luke 2:9-10 (CSB)

9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid, for look, **I proclaim to you good news of great joy** that will be for **all the people**:

Luke 2:14 (CSB)

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and **peace on earth to people he favors!**

English “Peace” = “the absence of conflict”

Biblical Peace: “Shalom” Wholeness, completeness, a state of harmony with God and all that God made you for”

Hebrews 11:6 (CSB)

⁶Now **without faith it is impossible to please God**, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Romans 5:1–2 (CSB)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have **peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**. ²We have also obtained access through him by faith into this grace in which we stand, and **we boast in the hope of the glory of God**.

For every Alaskan challenge:

Freshly today receive the peace of God because of the Hope you have in Jesus. Renew your faith that in Jesus the penalty of your sin has been paid in full.