THE HEALD OF CHRISTMAS

"When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him" Matthew 2: 10-11







Micah 5:5 "And <u>he</u> (Jesus) shall be <u>their</u> peace."

John 14:27 (Jesus) "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid"

Romans 5:1 "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:14 "For he himself (Jesus) is our peace,"

Christmas Peace: Jesus' peace in personal peace



And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

 ¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests

Luke 2:8-14



The <u>Peace</u> of God is for <u>everyone</u>



¹⁹For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. ²¹Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²²But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation" Colossians 1:19-22

Jesus is the bridge of <u>reconciliation</u> to <u>God</u>



"Peace does not mean you won't have any problems. Peace means that your problems won't have vou. Dr. Tony Evans

Peace is experienced in the presence of <u>Christ</u>; not the <u>absence</u> of <u>conflict</u>



When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior" Isaiah 43:2-3

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Matthew 5:9





"Charlie Brown, you're the only person I know who can take a wonderful season like Christmas and turn it into a problem." ロログブブ