# 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. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

 <sup>13</sup>Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
<sup>14</sup>"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>



<sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and 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. <sup>21</sup>Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup>But 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. <sup>3</sup>For 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