

## Peace On Earth, Goodwill Toward Men

by Mark Aites

“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men! (Luke 2:14)

We live in a world of turmoil. The very thought of peace seems to allude men. How sad to see a world characterized by hatred and strife, by sadness and heartache. If only man could know the peace that comes from God.

When announced to the shepherds, it was the joyful exclamation of our Lord's birth into this world. He was coming as a Savior. Sadly, even in the time in which we live, man still does not know the Savior and what He offers to them.

The spirit of peace on earth we can regard as a prayer for us. O how the world truly needs that sweet message of peace.

“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 understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Phil 4:6-7)

The Lord coming into this world was supposed to bring joy. It was the gift of God for freedom from the tyranny of sin.

How ironic that man has created a holiday to honor our Lord's birth but cannot seem to grasp the treasure of the peace which our Lord provides. Their lives are consumed with sin. They do not know our Lord and what it is He can provide.

For Christians, we celebrate our Lord's coming into this world every day, with emphasis upon His death, burial, and resurrection. In Scripture, the early church never celebrated His birth, but joyfully remembered His sacrifice each and every first day of the week. “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” (2 Cor. 9:15).  
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“... the Lord will bless his people with peace.” - Psalm 29:11

### News Notes

**TODAY'S SPEAKER:** Herman McHan.

**BIBLE STUDY:** We will have Bible Study this **Wednesday, Dec. 25th at 7:00 p.m.** Plan to be here.

**CONVERT'S CLASS:** Postponed until Thursday, Jan. 9th.

**PANTRY:** Vegetable soup.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home:** John Sprout, Peggy Linger, Paula Clutter, Twila Adamson, Randy Beagle, Sue Haught, Bob McMahan, Scharlotte Jones, Becky McKitrick, Dean Spencer, Harry Huff, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Gary & Marlene Evans, Cheryl Renfro Walker. **Fox-Chester:** Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. **Elsewhere:** Carolyn Carbone, 103 Orange Blossom Lane, Ranson, WV 25438. Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432.

### Christmas Gifts

*The very finest Christmas gifts  
Are not found below the tree;  
They are never tied with ribbons,  
Nor are they something one can see.*

*Yet among the lights so bright  
And presents wrapped and gay,  
They are the finest gifts of all  
For everyone's Christmas day.*

*It's the sense of love and peace  
That shines in people's hearts,  
It's the goodwill of the season  
In which each may have a part.*

- Virginia Katherine Oliver -

### Wishes For You . . .

Comfort on difficult days ... Smiles when sadness intrudes  
Rainbows to follow clouds ... Sunsets to warm your heart  
Gentle hugs when spirits sag ... Friendships to brighten your being  
Beauty for your eyes to see ... Confidence for when you doubt  
Faith so that you can believe ... Courage to know yourself  
Patience to accept the truth ... And love to complete your life.

- Author Unknown -

*Happy Holidays*

