

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.

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The above verse is usually used as a Christmas greeting, as you already know. But the truth & impact of it goes far beyond any holiday season. This greeting was heralded by angels upon the birth of the baby Jesus. If you take the greeting at face value, it doesn't seem that their greeting has come close to being fulfilled, for the earth isn't full of peacefulness, nor is there an overabundance of good will between everyone!

This greeting was a fulfillment of the desire of Heaven from before the creation of time that was now set in motion. God had manifested the Savior, & even though the work of redemption wouldn't be completed for another three decades, it was now set into being in the birth of Jesus.

Through Jesus God was sending His way of restoring peace between Him & fallen mankind. Jesus would become the Prince of Peace, & the giver of eternal peace to all who would come to receive Him after His resurrection, still then approximately thirty three years ahead.

In everything that Jesus did in His ministry, He revealed God's heart for people. Jesus demonstrated forgiveness towards sinfulness, & ministered healing, deliverance, & hope everywhere He went in the more than three years that He ministered publicly. And in His punishment, death, burial, & resurrection, He destroyed the works of darkness, fulfilled the Law of Moses in our behalf, & poured out the Holy Spirit, thus creating the New Testament Church, of which we are part of!

Now that Jesus is seated at the right hand of God in Heaven as our faithful high priest, we can give honor to Him, & share in His glory, as we are seated in Him, as New-creations, & we share His life, glory, & majesty. God has glorified Jesus as our eternal high priest, & we share in His honor, & we are seated in heavenly places in union with Jesus!

Jesus is the good will of God towards us, & we walk in His good will towards other people! As His ambassadors, we extend the kingdom of God into the lives of many other people, just as Jesus did. The same Holy Spirit that empowered Jesus for ministry & life is in us, empowering us in the same way!

Jesus is the peace of God, the will of God, & the grace of God manifested toward man, offering everyone the gift of eternal life by calling upon Him for salvation! Through His death, burial, & resurrection, God has sent away the wrath that justice demanded from fallen mankind; He manifested our death to sin, newness of life in union with Jesus, & resurrection life which we receive in the New-birth. God has brought forth His good will toward us through what Jesus did legally in our behalf at Calvary, & that which the Holy Spirit places into us when we're Born-again!

So now you can recognize & realize that through what Jesus accomplished, you have the good will of God, Jesus is your peace in life, & you glorify the Heavenly Father by your union with Him through Jesus, in the Holy Spirit!

You can be assured that you are highly favored, deeply loved, & certainly secure, for sure, forevermore!

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Here's short excerpts from a couple of emails that I received this week, & I'm including them to remind you that we are continually reaching out to people with the Gospel of Redemption, throughout the Ohio Valley, & in various capacities in locations around the world! I thank you for your support with friendship, prayer, & finances! We are making a difference!

"Your teachings on Rom. Chapter 6 and grace, have helped me to realized that there is no condemnation for me anymore, because I am in Christ Jesus. Safe. And, the Word of God as you have ministered it to me has set me free on the lie that I must do something to get God to accept me. I felt that I should testify of these things because FFMI and you and Sandy and others in the church there have ministered to me in a powerful way. You are more effective than you know about." (Ann)

"I want to thank you for sending your CD on: Prophecy: Divine Life in You" and "Free from condemnation" through the mail. Very good teaching! You are certainly full of the word of God and revelations from meditating on the Word of God. Keep up the good work of share the good news!" (Jeanne)

