

Our PRINCE of PEACE

Luke 2:1-14

1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to his own town to register.

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 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. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

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

1. Jesus is the PEACE PURCHASER

Isaiah 53:4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

- ▲ Calculate the price he paid in this purchase
- ▲ Consider the peace provision in the package

2. Jesus is the SINNER'S SAVIOR

Romans 5:1 Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

- ▲ Receive his liberating forgiveness
- ▲ Recognize his loving favor
- ▲ Research and review his lavish forecast

3. Jesus is the BARRIER BREAKER

Ephesians 2:14 He himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility 15 ...His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

- ▲ Trample the barriers broken by Jesus
- ▲ Traverse the bridges built by Jesus

4. Jesus is the STORM STILLER

Mark 4:38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" 39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. 40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

- ▲ Call out for his miraculous invasion
- ▲ Call out for his merciful intervention
- ▲ Call out for his meticulous instructions

5. Jesus is the HEART HUSHER

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

- ▲ Press into Jesus for comfort amidst your crying
- ▲ Press into Jesus for confidence amidst your cares and concerns
- ▲ Press into Jesus for calm and clarity amidst your chaos and confusion

6. Jesus is the CONSTANT COMPANION

Matthew 28:20 And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

- ▲ Stay close to him along the way
- ▲ Stay close to him all the way

7. Jesus is the GLORIOUS GOVERNOR

Isaiah 9:6 To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

- ▲ Seek his guidance
- ▲ Surrender to his governance
- ▲ Settle into his guardianship
- ▲ Serve for his glory