



Peace 平安

Luke 2:1-14 & Matt. 2:1-18

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Church



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Peace in the midst of
turmoil 動盪

THE CHRISTMAS
STORY



Luke 2:14



“Glory to God in the highest
heaven, and on earth **peace** to
those on whom his favour rests.”



We need Peace

‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth **peace** to those on whom his favour rests.’



We need
peace
from **war**



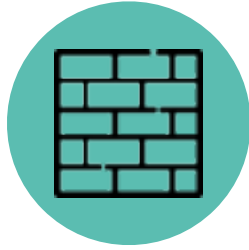
We need
peace from
**our own
conflicts**



We need
peace
from **God**

שָׁלוֹם SHALOM

Basic meaning: complete or whole



Nothing missing



Complexity complete



Restored to wholeness



Harmony & peace





We need peace

JESUS WAS BORN TO BRING US PEACE



But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you...

...Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

*'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his
favour rests.'* Luke 2:10-14.

JESUS
CAME

To bring peace
between us
and God





Colossians 1:21

“Once you were alienated from God and were **enemies** 敵人 / 仇敵 in your minds because of your evil behaviour.”





Romans 5:10



“...while we were God’s enemies,
we were **reconciled** 和解 / 和好 to
him through the death of his Son...”



JESUS
EXCHANGED
THE MANGER
FOR THE CROSS

And absorbed
承擔 God's
anger



PEACE BETWEEN US AND GOD

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Jesus, 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. Col. 1:19-20





IS THERE PEACE BETWEEN YOU AND GOD?

- ▶ **Admit your sin**
- ▶ **Believe in Jesus**
- ▶ **Choose to live for him**



JESUS
CAME

To bring us
internal 內在的
peace



Timeline of turmoil

- **2019** Hong Kong protests
- **2020** Brexit
- **2020** George Floyd BLM
- **2020/21** Covid pandemic
- **2022** Ukraine invasion
- **2023** UK politics in chaos
- **2023** Israel/Gaza war





Numbers 6:22-26

The Lord said to Moses, “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

““The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you **peace.**””





Philippians 4:6-7

“...present your requests to God. And the **peace of God**, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”



PEACE IN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FROM...



**SUBMITTING TO
GOD'S WILL**



**ACCEPTING GOD'S
COMMANDS**



**NOT FEARING
DEATH ANYMORE**



**OUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD**



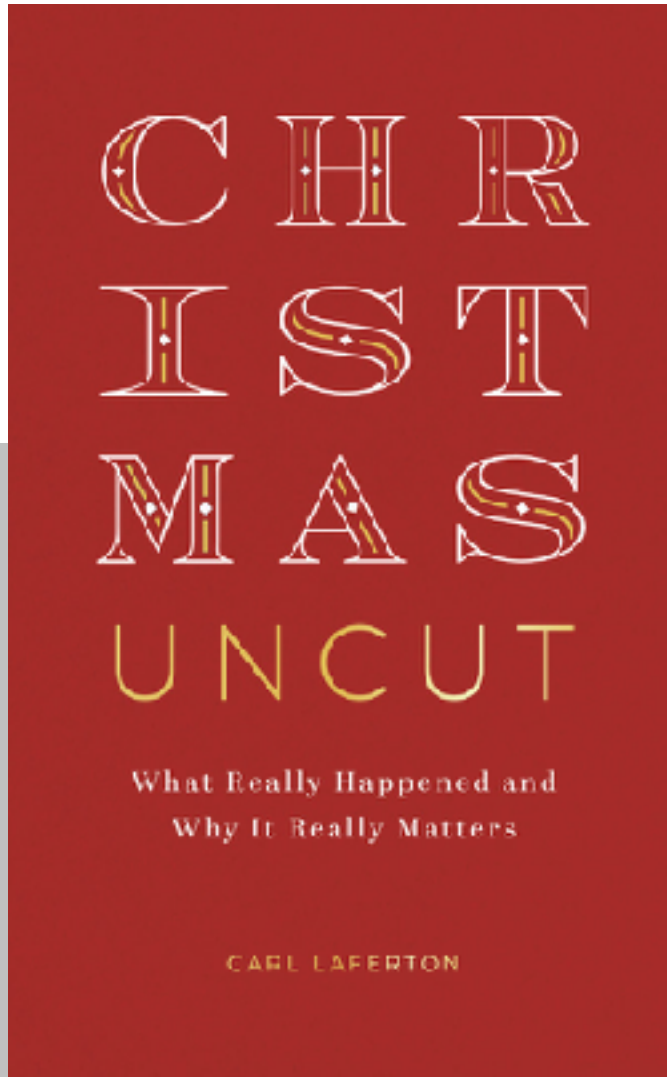
“I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises **peace** to his people, his faithful servants—” Psalm 85:8

WILL YOU
ACCEPT
GOD'S PEACE
THIS
CHRISTMAS?



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deeper



For the
skeptical