

God's Peace Treaty With Earth (01)

I find it interesting that God sent a large heavenly military (strateia) [host] choir for the announcement of a Peace Treaty with the Earth at the birth of His Only Begotten Son.

It is recorded in the most read Christmas Bible stories of the birth of Jesus Christ (Luke2:1-20).

We will examine our lesson text by the following four homiletical points.

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| • Performance | (Lk.2:13a) | God's military choir |
| • Praise song | (Lk.2:13b-14a) | Glory to God and peace on earth |
| • Peace treaty | (Lk.2:14b) | God's peace through Christ (Rom.5:1) |
| • Peace-makers | (Lk.2:15-20) | God's ambassadors of reconciliation (2 Cor.5:17-21) |

Before the military choir sang the new praise song, Glory in Excelsis Deo, Gabriel outlined God's Peace Treaty with the earth (Lk.2:10-12; Isa.52:7; Rom.10:15).

We will examine it by the following two homiletical points.

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| • Good news | (Lk.2:10) | Universal gospel (Titus 2:11) |
| • Global Savior | (Lk.2:11-12) | Universal salvation (John 1:29; 1 John 2:2) |

Today's lesson will study seven aspects of God's Peace Treaty offered to the Earth.
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1. God's peace treaty is offered to every member of the human race through gospel of grace salvation.

(Rom.5:1-2) "Therefore having been justified by faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God." [Positional Truth].

God is initiator of this peace treaty with earth (Heb.13:20; 1Thess.5:23; 2 Thess.1:2; Isa.57:19; 1 Cor.14:33).

2. God's peace treaty is offered to every member of the human race because of the 13 judicial charges of Adam's Original Sin (AOS) (Rom.5:12-21; 1 cor.15:22).

Let me mention 4 of the 13 judicial charges of AOS that are important to peace with God (see 50 Things).

- Alienation (Eph.2:12-19; 4:18; Col.1:20-22).
- Enmity (Rom.5:10; Col.1:21)
- Unrighteous (Rom.3:10; 22-24; 10:10; 1 Pet.3:15)
- Ungodly (Rom.1:18; 5:6-8)

To resolve these 13 judicial charges required that someone had to be born outside this slave market of AOS. Jesus Christ was this person! (Luke 1:34-35; 1 Tim.1:15; Rom.5:6-8, 16-19; Gal.4:4-7; 5:1, 13)

3. Therefore Jesus Christ is the sole means of entering into this peace treaty with God (Luke 2:11-14; Acts 10:36; Eph.2:13-17)

(Col.1:20) “And through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.”

There is no peace with God apart from the gospel of grace salvation (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

(Rom.5:1) “Therefore having been justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ.” [Positional Truth is 1 of 9 communion factors of the blood of Christ / Eucharist cup]

4. Every believer who entered into this peace treaty with God can experience the peace of God by walking by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit (1 Cor.6:19-20; Gal.3:2; Rom.1:16).

(Rom.15:13 “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” [Experiential Positional Truth] (Spirituality)

The peace of God is a fruit of the indwelling Holy Spirit:

(Gal.5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, **peace**, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” (Eph.4:1-3)

5. Carnality hinders the peace of God (1 Cor.3:1-3; James 1:14-15)

Paul warns the believer to be cleansed and to flee youthful lusts and to pursue righteousness, love, and peace. (2 Tim.2:20-22; Rom.14:17).

As a loving Father, God will discipline the **carnal believer** who doesn't confess his sin in order to live a righteous life (**1 John 1:9**)

(Heb.12:11) “All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.” (2Pet.3:14); Rom.8:6-9)

6. Any spiritual believer can function in the Peace of God amidst great tribulation by walking by means of the power of the Holy Spirit – by utilizing the faith cycle (2 Cor.5:7; John 16:33; 14:27).

(2 Pet.1:2) “Grace and peace **be multiplied** to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.”

(Col.3:15-16) “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.” (Phil.4:6-9)

(Isa.26:3) “The steadfast of mind You will keep in **perfect peace**, because he trusts in You.”

7. As spiritually mature ambassadors of Jesus Christ, the Church Age Believers (CAB) are peace-makers of God's peace treaty while on earth (2 Cor.5:17-21; Eph.6:15; Rom.10:13-15).

(Rom.12:18) “If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.” (Rom.14:19; 1 Pet.3:1-12) (1 Cor.7:15; Heb.12:14-15; 2 Pet.3:13; 2 Thess.3:16)

(James 3:18) “And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by **those who make peace**.”