



Glory to God in the Highest

Luke 2:14



- Hard to imagine shepherds watching sheep at night and sudden appearance of an angel: how unexpected and overwhelming
- Do not fear
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I bring you good news of great joy

Luke 2:10-12



- Angel appears ... glory of Lord ... great fear
- The Good News Announcement (10-12)
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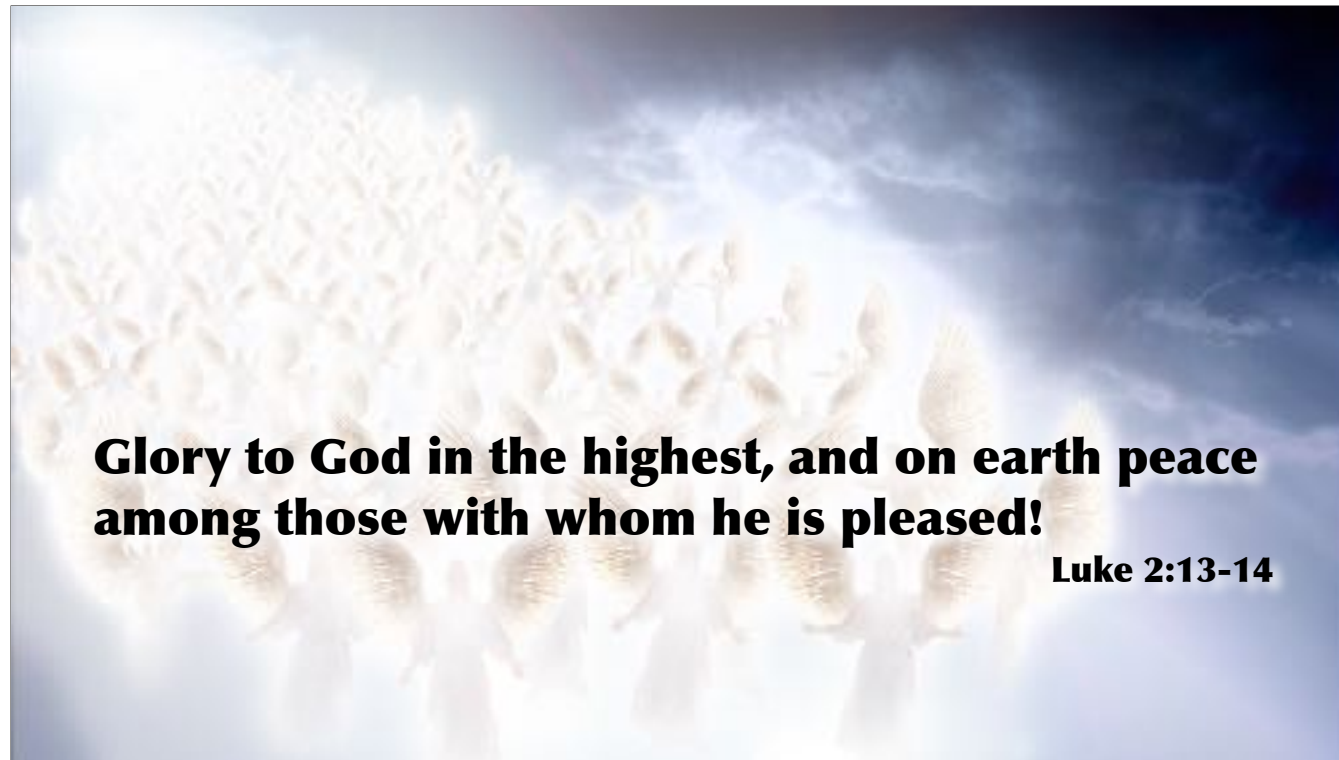
**Savior
Christ
Lord**



- For unto you is born this day
 - in the city of David
 - a Savior,
 - who is Christ the Lord.
- And this will be a sign for you:
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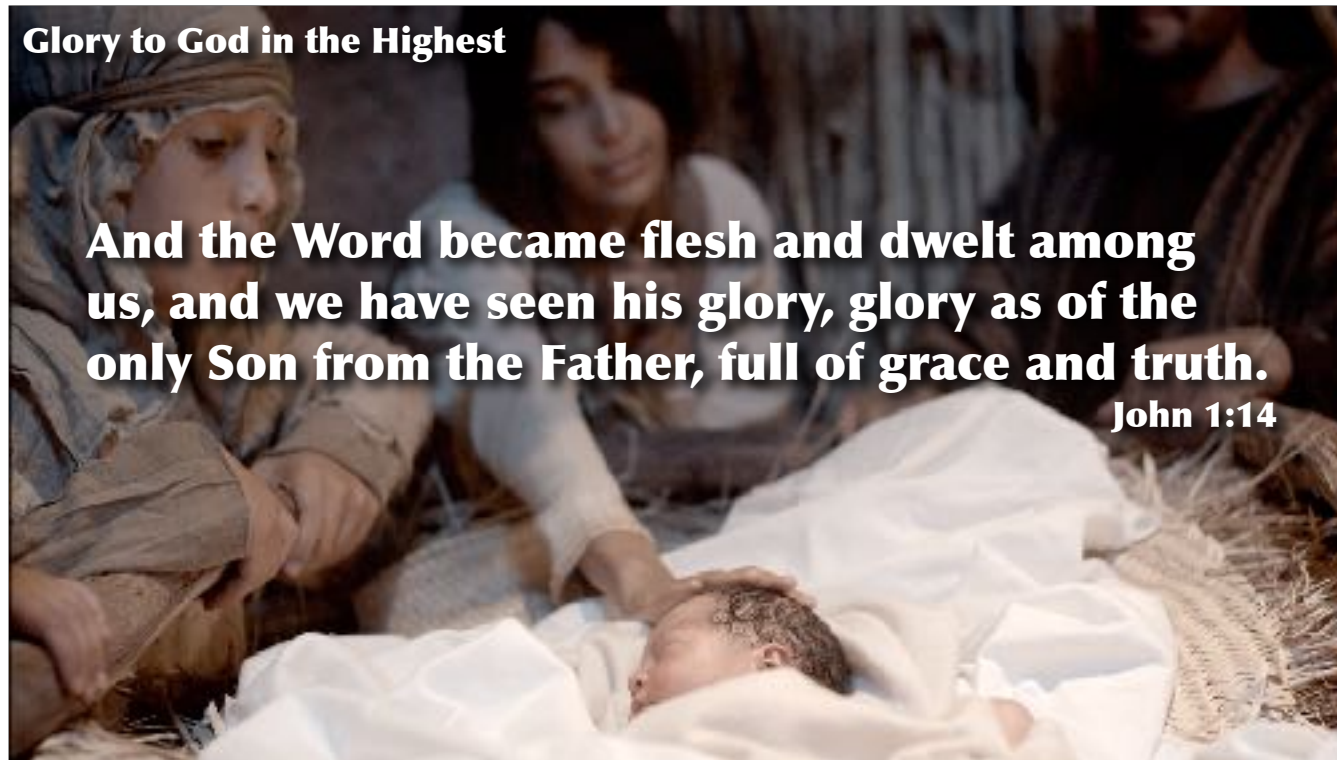
- Luke 2:13-14 (ESV) 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”



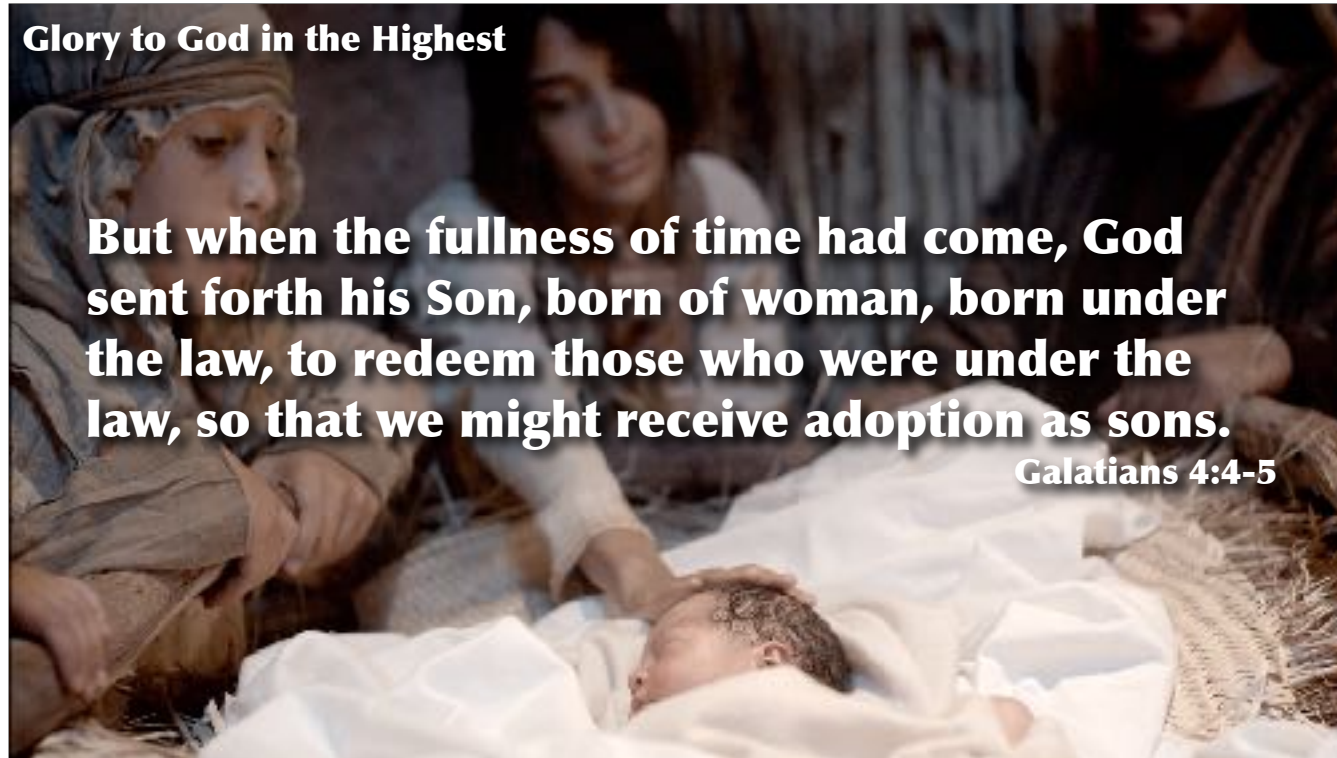
- Luke 2:15 (ESV) 15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”



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- John 1:14 (ESV) 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- John 12:27-32 (ESV) 27 “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” 29 The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” 30 Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

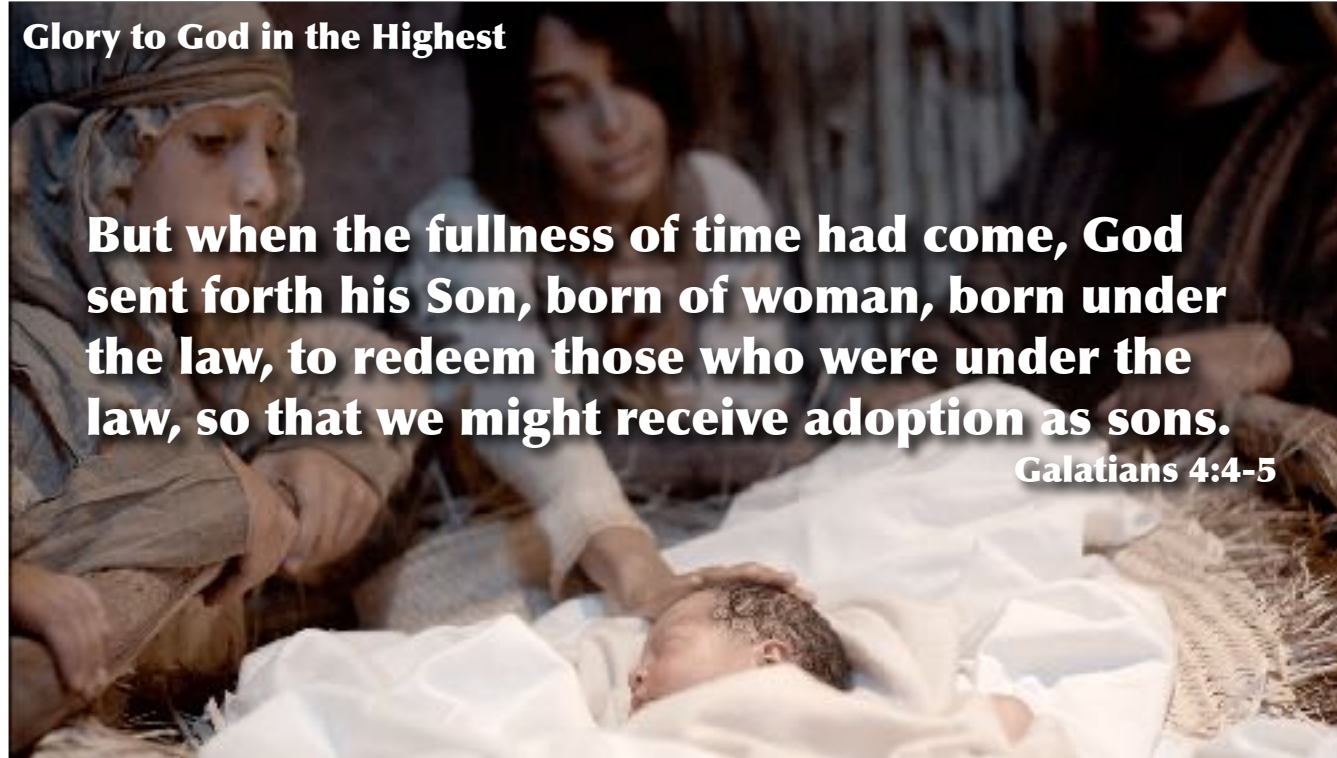


- Galatians 4:4-7 (ESV) 4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.
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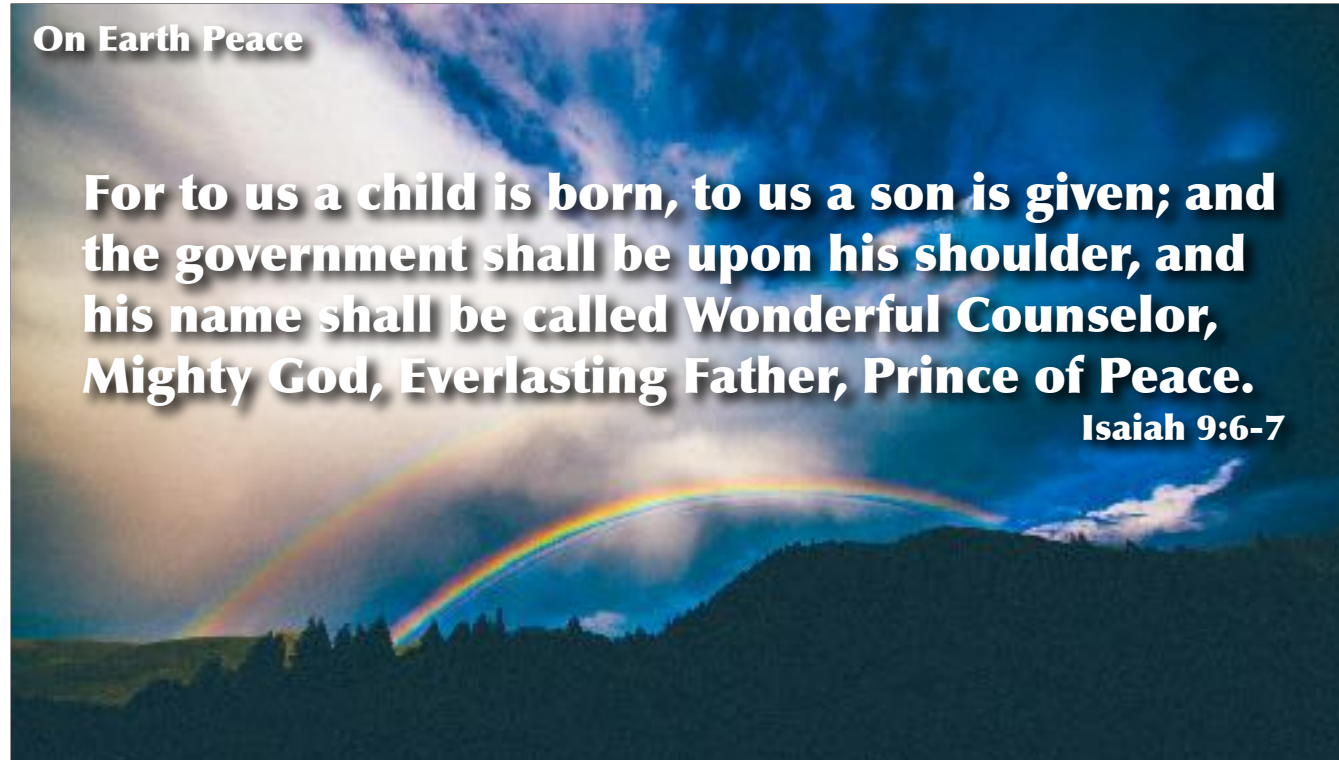


- One Earth Peace

On Earth Peace

**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and
the government shall be upon his shoulder, and
his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

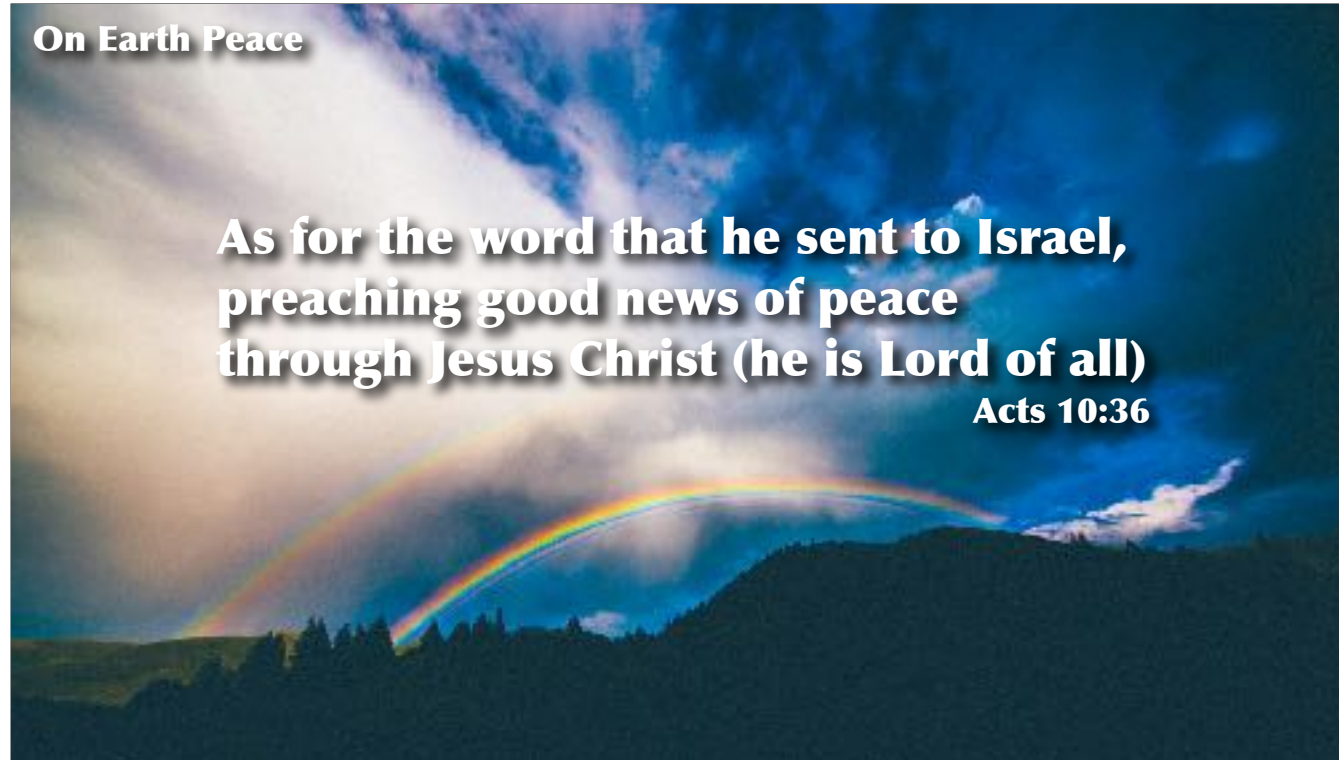
Isaiah 9:6-7



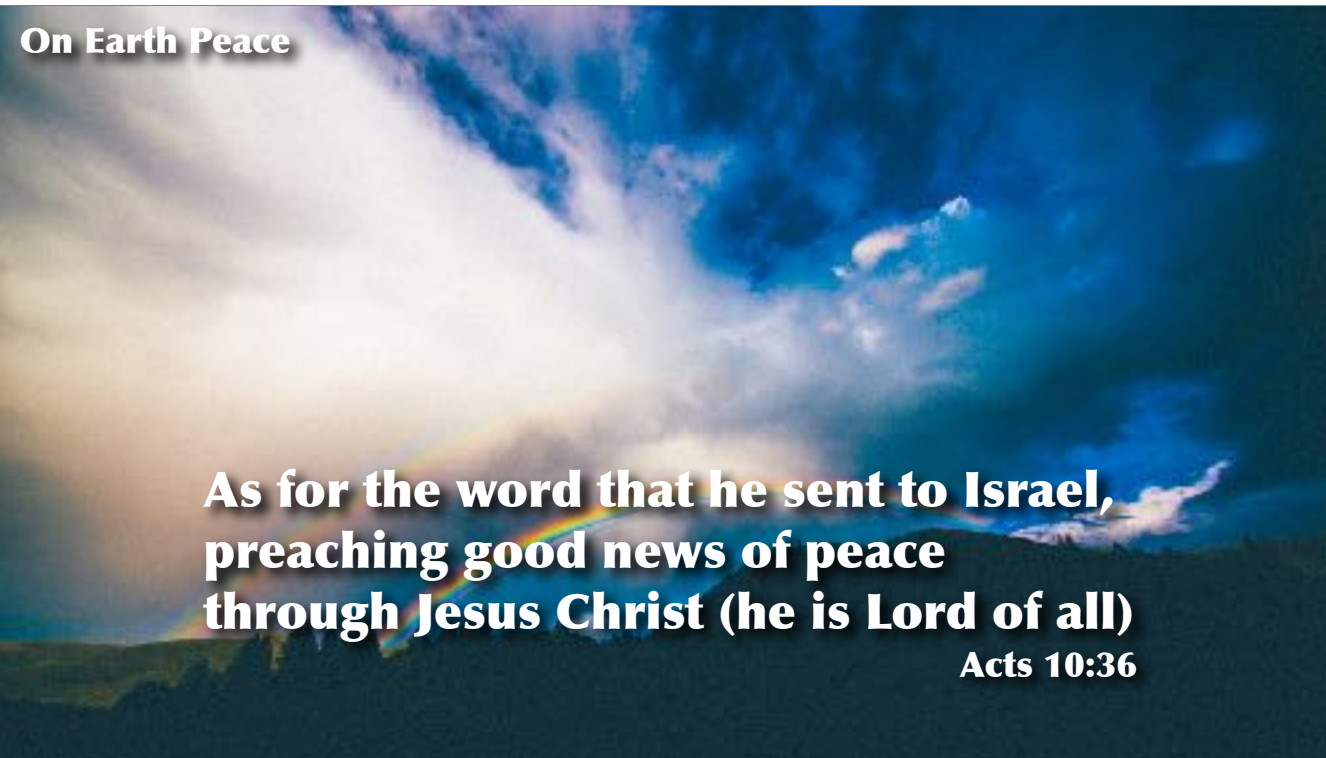
- Isaiah 9:6-7 (ESV) 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

On Earth Peace

**As for the word that he sent to Israel,
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Acts 10:36



- Acts 10:36-43 (ESV) 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, **preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ** (he is Lord of all), 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. 43 To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”



- Ephesians 2:13-22 (ESV) 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- 14 **For he himself is our peace**, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two,
- **so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross**, thereby killing the hostility.

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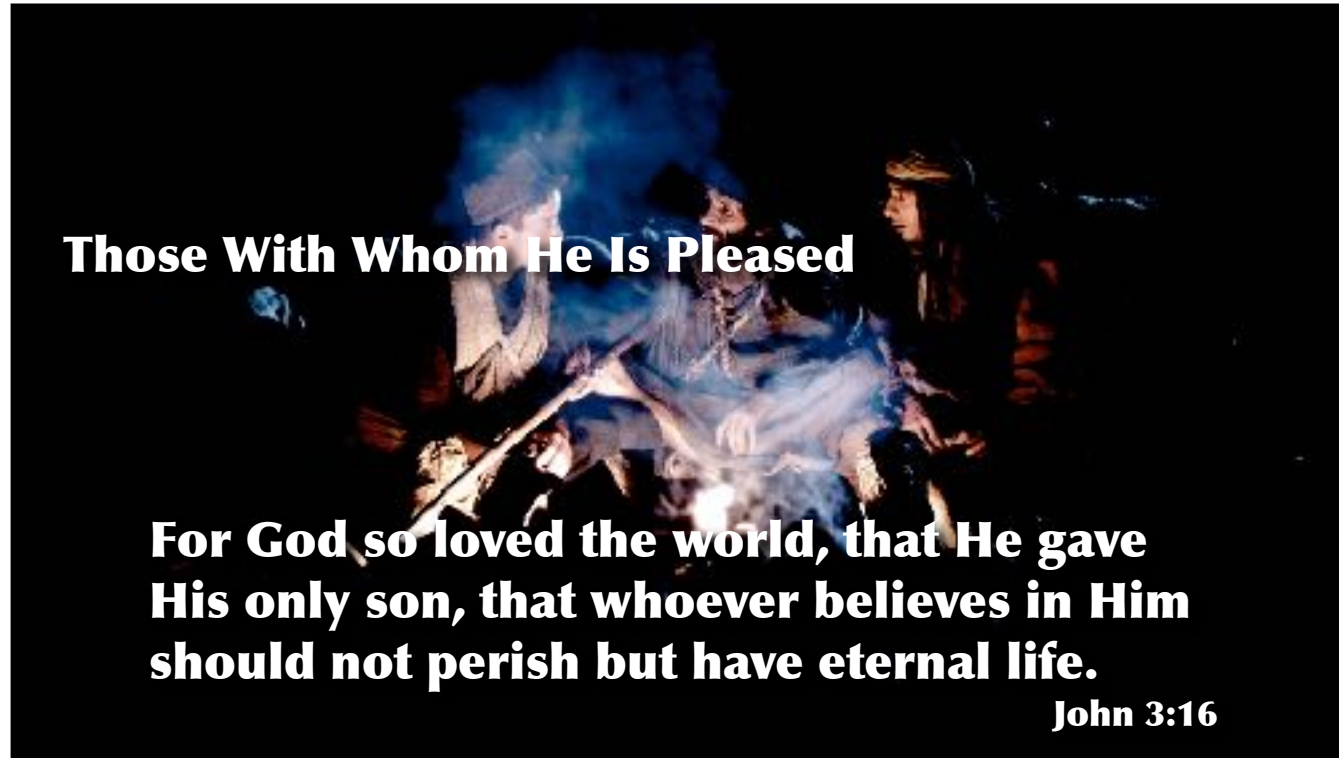
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- 17 **And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.**
- 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.



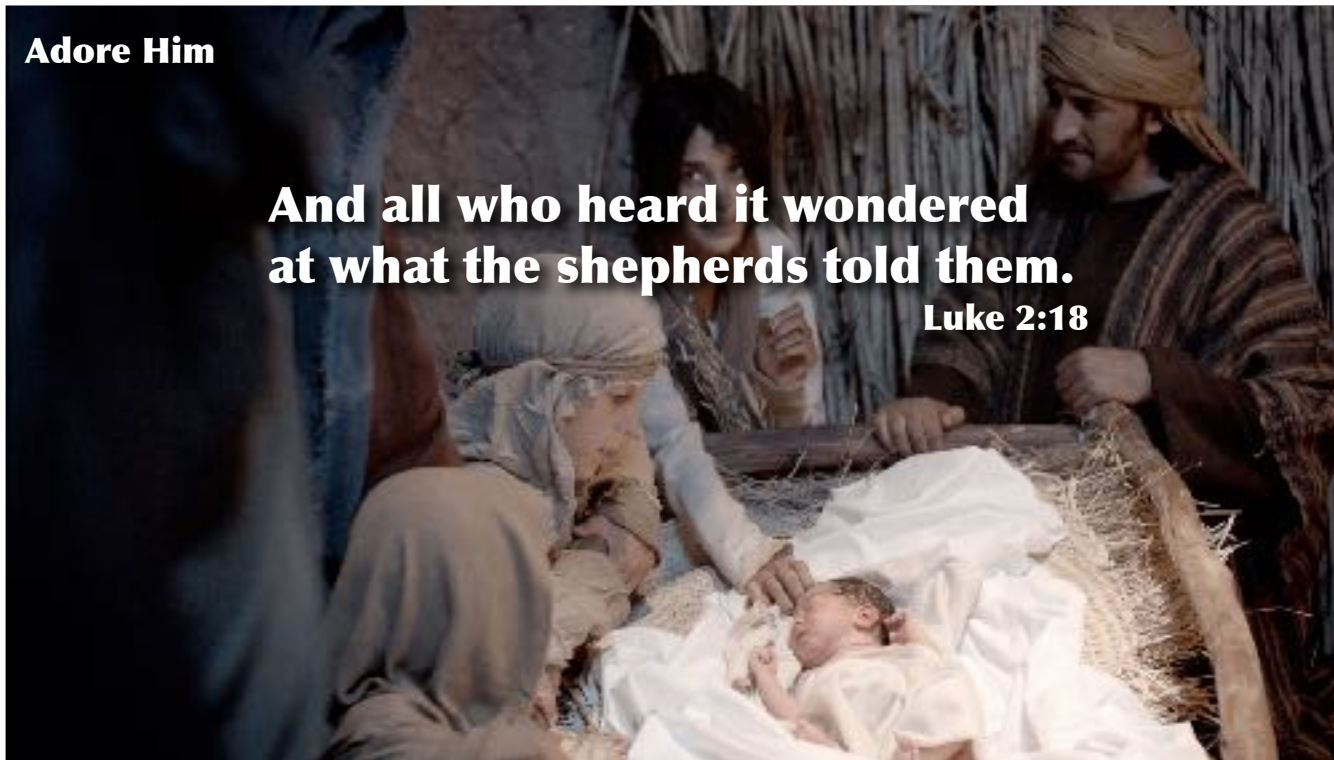
- Those With Whom He is Pleased
 - Why was such a marvelous display to shepherds?
 - Not the leaders of the Jews in Jerusalem
 - Not the powerful of Roman, or Persia



- All people!
 - John 3:16-17 (ESV) 16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
 - God knows who we are ... better than we know
 - Desires our salvation



- Come, let us adore Him
- Those present, Mary, Shepherds, Simeon, and Anna



- Shepherds told those at birth: Wondered.
 - And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.



- Mary: Luke 2:17-20
 - 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.
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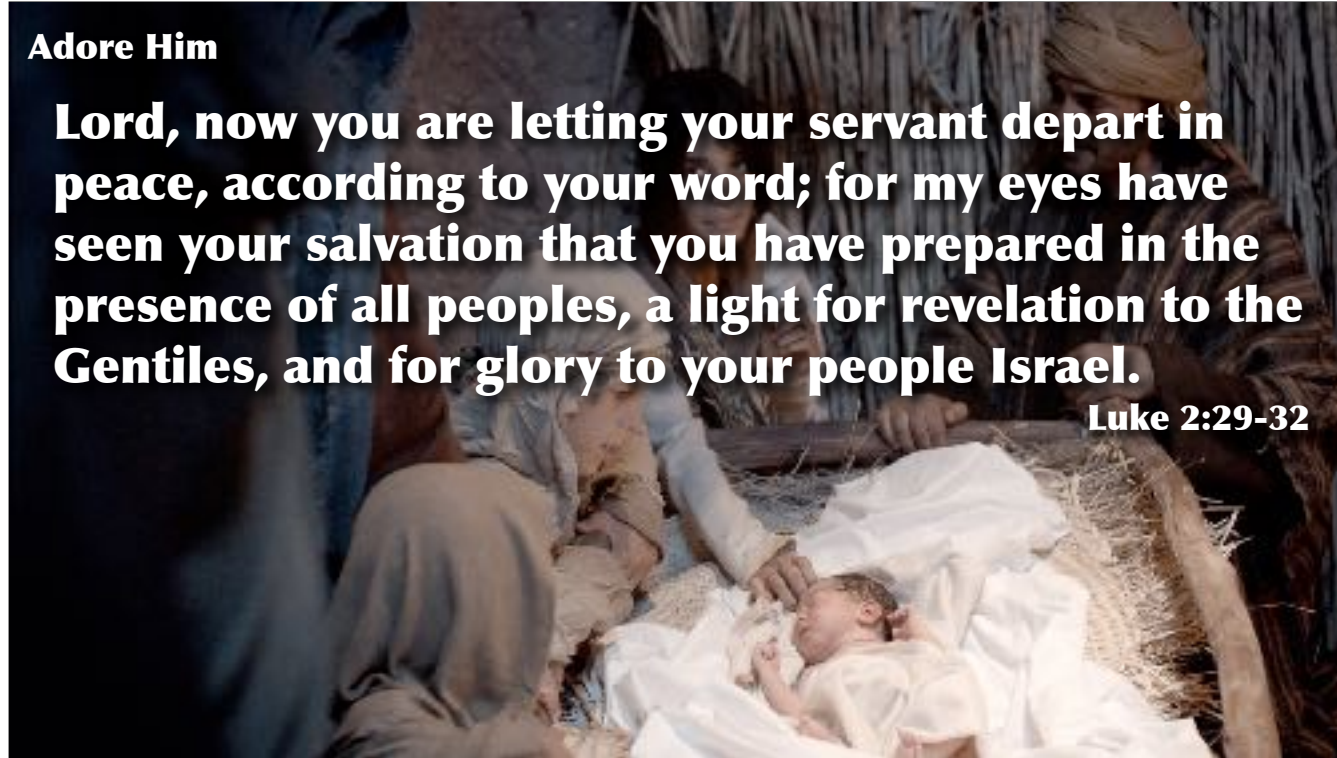


- Shepherds: Luke 2:17-20
 - 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Adore Him

Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.

Luke 2:29-32



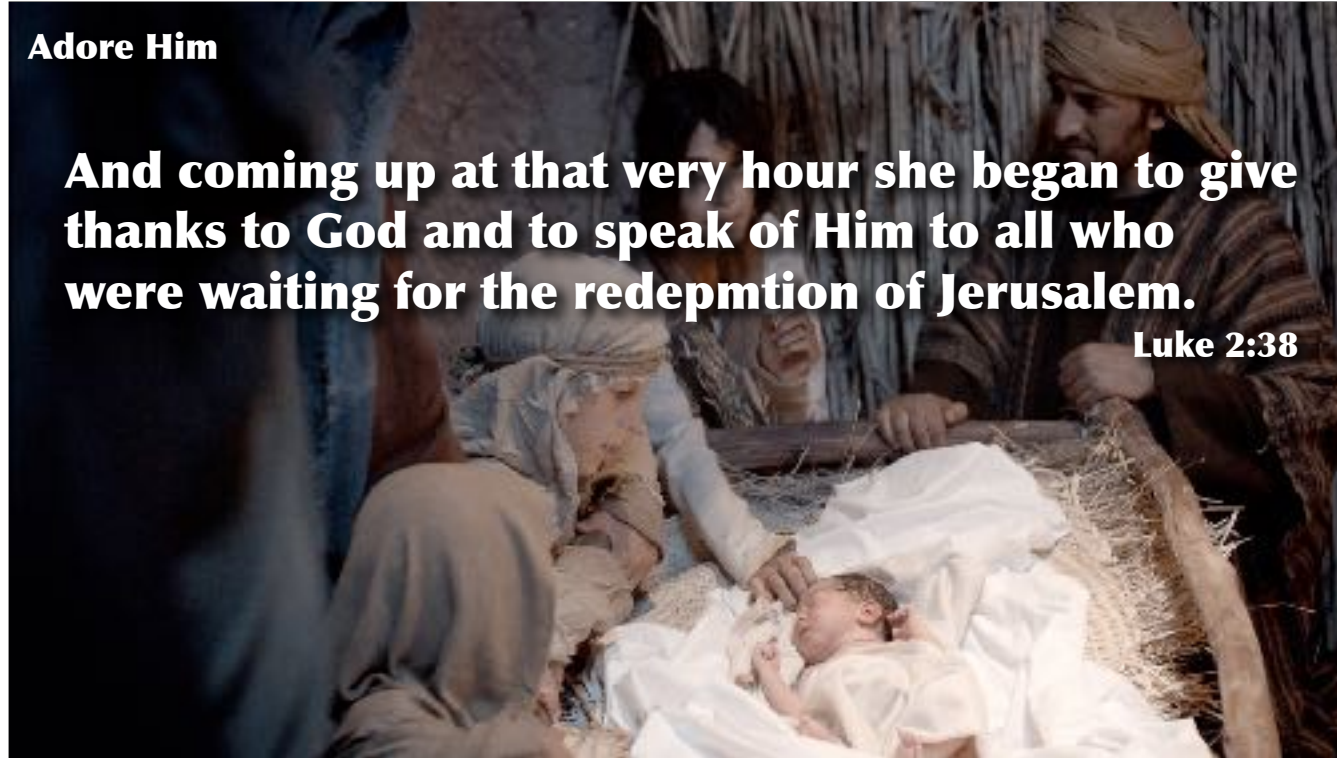
• Simeon: Luke 2:22-35

- 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 29 “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation 31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”
- 33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.
- 34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed 35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

Adore Him

And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Luke 2:38



• Anna: Luke 2:36-38

- And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, 37 and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.



- Luke 2:15 “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”
- Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV) 28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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“Let all that you do be done with love.”