



All I Want For Christmas Is Peace

Luke 2:6-14: "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 guest room available for them.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 that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, 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 heaven and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Advent = Arrival

Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus "divine savior, who brings peace"

Isaiah 9:6(NKJV):"For unto us a Child is born... And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

You have to understand Biblical PEACE before you can experience Biblical PEACE

What is PEACE

Shalom is Peace

The saddest day in the Jewish calendar is The 9th of Av

Solomon's Temple destroyed = NO PEACE

Ezra/Herod's Temple destroyed = NO PEACE

The spies return, Numbers 13..... it did not go well

"Bad report"

"Bring back word"

"Send for yourself"

"Spies"

Genesis 37:4(ESV):"...they hated him and could not speak peacefully (SHALOM) to him."

Genesis 37:14: "Go and see if all is well(SHALOM) with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me."

Shalom is the WHOLE PICTURE.....

Genesis 37:18(NIRV): "But they saw him a long way off. Before he reached them, they made plans to kill him."

"Amygdala hijack"

Complex decision making disappears

Multiple perspectives disappear

Trapped in the ONE perspective that makes us feel the most safe

I'm right you're wrong..... even though we ordinarily see more perspectives

Our memory fails us and we can't recall anything positive about the person

Jesus is the Prince of the Whole Picture