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The Gifts Of Christ: *We have peace with God.*

Luke 2:9-14 *And behold, an angel of the LORD stood before them, and the glory of the LORD shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the LORD. And this will be a sign to you: you will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (NKJV)*

The Greek word for *peace* is **eirenen** which means *made one in heart and mind*. The scripture reminds us that our sin has put us against God. **Rom. 5:10** *For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life!* (NIV) This peace has taken us from a place of sin and placed us in the security of the Savior. In fact, Jesus made reference to this gift of peace in **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.* (NIV)

How significant was it for those shepherds keeping watch over their flocks by night to hear the message that was heralded by the angels that night?

The only way to have peace with God is through the gift of His Son and His redemptive work upon the cross. **Col. 1:19-20** *For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, 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.* (NIV)

Dear LORD, we thank You LORD that we have a path of peace with You through the price paid for us on the cross. You brought us peace when our hearts were at war with You. Jesus is our peace. In Jesus Name, Amen