

The Truth about Jesus
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And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 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 the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill **toward** men!" **Luke 2:7-14 NKJV**

Verse 10, all people. Verse 11, a Savior. verse 14, this in not talking about peace among men. This is talking about peace between God and man's sin.

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name **Jesus**, for He will save His people from their sins. **Matthew 1:21 NKJV**

Jesus is the same word for savior in **Luke 2:11**.

"Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword." **Matthew 10:34 NKJV**

And **by Him** to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, **whether things on earth or things in heaven,** having made **peace** through the blood of His cross. **Colossians 1:20 NKJV**

Reconcile means "to bring back into harmony".

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so **as to create in Himself one new man from the two,** thus making peace, and that He might

reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached **peace** to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. **Ephesians 2:14-18 NKJV**

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. **II Corinthians 5:18 NKJV**

That in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both **which are in heaven and which are on earth**—in Him. **Ephesians 1:10 NKJV**

The peace offering came to earth. Look at as to create in Himself one new man from the two in **Ephesians 2:15**.

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. **Galatians 6:15 NKJV**

For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.
Ephesians 2:18 NKJV

“I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.” **John 10:9 NKJV**

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. **I Corinthians 12:13 NKJV**

The divine mind-set has been restored to God’s elect. By the Spirit, we remember the story told over us before we were born. God had to speak those things before they could manifest individual or corporate destiny had to be prophesied. The prophetic Word of the Lord is a powerful seed. It comes with authority, interrupting our regular cycle and impregnating us with prophetic purpose. The cycle of normality and fruitless mess or our comfort zone is only broken when the Godly seed is sown. Each of us has been designed to successfully complete our god-sent task (**Isaiah 55:11**) whom God calls, He equips, His bidding is His enabling. Let this mind, this understanding, be in you (**Phil.2:5**). Our hearts must carry His kind of passion and desire for the

“Baby” His Prophetic purpose, destiny and vision to be born. Every mother risks her life in childbirth. Once a man or woman “recalls” the original calling of the father (**Eph. 1:4**) they finally find something worth dying for.

That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness **toward us** in Christ Jesus. **Ephesians 2:7 NKJV**

But when the kindness and the **love of God our Savior toward man appeared**, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. **Titus 3:4-7 NKJV**

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, **Titus 2:11 NKJV**

But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man’s offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. **Romans 5:15 NKJV**

Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous. Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Romans 5:18-21 NKJV**

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. **1 John 4:9 NKJV**

That is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. **II Corinthians 5:19-21 NKJV**

Imputing means “to hold anything against somebody”. We have tied God’s blessing to us being good. God blesses because He’s good, not because you’re good.