



# All Is Well

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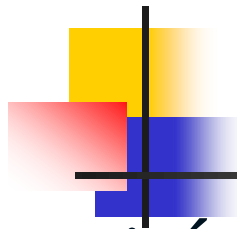
**Glory to God in the highest, and on  
Earth, PEACE for those favored ones!**



# What a Powerful Message!

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- For years, for me this was just a throwaway line, a set up for a hymn, a sort of metaphor for the good news that our Savior was born so just chill and be glad about that
- But WHAT IF .... WHAT IF **PEACE** WAS THE WHOLE POINT?
- What if the angels were making an official announcement/declaration that the disconnect between God and man was healed forever, and a new day of PEACE was about to be poured out on the earth!



# The First Good News

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- *eirénē* (from *eirō*, "to *join, tie together* into a *whole*") –properly, *wholeness*, i.e. when all essential parts are **joined together** *peace* (God's gift of *wholeness*). Heb - Shalom
- Peace is not just end of conflict, it's what you experience when everything that was broken or lost or sick or stolen is restored and made fully whole and healthy again
- Not absence of struggle, but the presence of LIFE – LIFE ABUNDANT!!



# In Other Words

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- Glory to God Who reigns on High (because) Peace is now coming to earth and everything that was broken or lost or sick or stolen will be restored and made fully whole and healthy again
- For everyone upon whom God's loving favor rests, including ...
- YOU!



# Peace is the Whole Point

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- **ROMANS 5** Therefore, having been justified by faith, [a]we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ
- The Bible goes to great lengths to make it clear that because of sin, we are all separated from and subject to His wrath
- The wages of sin is death – Romans 6:23
- And you were dead in your trespasses and sins – Eph. 2:1
- But then He did something to bring Peace





# It Is Called Reconciliation

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- **10** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved [f]by His life. **11** And not only this, [g]but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.
- This is really a declaration of PEACE





# Greek Geek

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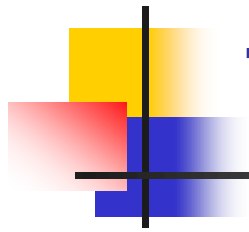
- (*katallassō*) – to change - was originally used for the exchange of coins; "properly, *to change, exchange* (especially of money); hence, of persons, *to change* from enmity to friendship, *to reconcile*"
- passive τίνι, to return into favor with, **be reconciled to**, but the passive is used also where **only one** ceases to be angry with another and **receives him into favor**;



# Reconciliation Invitation

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- 2 Corinthians 5:18 Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation <sup>19</sup> namely, that **God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself**, not counting their trespasses against them, and [i]He has [i]committed to us the word of reconciliation.
- <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God <sup>21</sup> He made **Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. = PEACE!!**

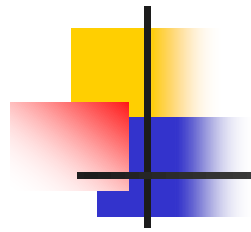


# The Angels Were EXCITED

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- Glory to God Who reigns on High (because) Peace is now coming to earth and everything that was broken or lost or sick or stolen will be restored and made fully whole and healthy again
- For everyone upon whom God's loving favor rests, including ...
- YOU! – Because God has called you into His favor by Faith, you are now His
- Peace has come and ALL IS WELL





# Jesus + Nothing = EVERYTHING

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- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY