

Dec 15, 1961 - Zinnerville  
"On Earth Peace"  
Luke 2:14 (Read 2:10-14)

Can the angel song be true to-day in a world at war? For even to say there is to-day peace on earth would seem queer - It is but natural to wonder a bit at the meaning of the announcement - "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace!"

Must we look upon this word as a religious ideal that has had to retreat in the face of cold realities of the world situation? Does this word have to stand aside and do wristful waiting for kinder treatment in the future? Or must we say they express a fine idea but are not true?

No! we are going to say that the statement of the angels is true - There is peace on earth - Because of the coming of Jesus. He did <sup>not</sup> fail nor was the accomplishment of His purpose postponed because He was a head of His time.

Jesus, in a way, finished His work and the Father is glorified in the Son. The peace that Christ came to bring is actually here - not peace between nations - but peace between God and man - peace expressed in a tear washed face when the sinner arises from the mourner bench with his sins forgiven - In the eyes of the saint who lies in the faith -

as to nations Jesus said - "I think not that I  
am come to send peace on the earth - I came  
not to send peace but a sword" By the best  
thinkers and Bible scholars we are told that  
a day will come when Jesus will bring  
peace among nations - at His second  
coming - the Devil will be chained -  
who knows but that that thing will hap-  
pen at the end of this war? As long as  
the Devil is loose there will be war - He may  
be chained after this war -

But there is nothing more real in this world  
than that other peace which Jesus came to send  
on earth - It is here to day - fresh and vital  
in the experience of those who have found  
it - enjoyed as if no war was going on -  
the Psalmist saw it when he in talk-  
ing of the Good Shepherd - "Then prepared a  
table before me in the presence of mine  
enemies."

we must not make the mistake in think-  
ing this peace is to be won by winning  
drawing from the conflicts about  
us - No it is not found in run-  
ning from the responsibility of real  
conditions - rather is it to be  
expected in the midst of the  
conflict - The soldier in the  
thick of battle may have this  
peace.

It does not close his eyes to the re-  
ality of the battle - neither does  
he close his eyes to another re-  
ality - what the battle can not de-  
stroy -

First - we have peace with God through  
our Lord Jesus Christ - no life knows peace  
till the sin question is settled -

The unrewarded do not give up the oppor-  
tunity of peace but are "like the troubled sea  
when it cannot rest - whose waters cast  
up mire and dirt - there is no peace saith  
my God & the wicked."

But what a peace floods the sinners  
heart when he feels his sins forgiven -

Second - we have peace in believing -  
"now the God of all hope fill you with all  
joy and peace, in believing, that ye  
may abound in hope, through the power  
of the Holy Ghost"

In the boat torn by the storm Paul  
could say, "Sirs be of good cheer: for I  
believe in God."

Third - we have the peace of believing prayer -  
we may let each worry and trouble take  
its course as we can take it & the Lord  
in prayer - we get this strange peace  
and it passeth understanding -

Jesus is all you need to obtain peace  
with God. In Eph. 2:14 Paul says  
"He (Christ) is our peace."

The blessed God of ours is still in  
control - He has not failed - His throne  
is not tottering - our Lord is yet  
able to still the waves - and bring  
a great peace -

the secret is just to Trust Him  
del - Ruckelshacker & crew - gave oranges  
Oct. 21 - Nov. 13 - Read the Bible prayed  
Bird lighted on the Capt. R's head they  
caught it and they ate part of it  
no water - a rain came for 1 hour  
they caught water - fish jumped on  
to boat - life was preserved till  
help came - and they cried and  
thanked God -

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on earth peace"

