

ON EARTH PEACE

Luke 2:10-14

Can the angels song be true to-day in a world so torn by things that do not work to world peace?

For one to say that there is peace to-day would sound 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 world as a religious ideal that has had to retreat in the face of cold realities of the world situation? Does this word "peace" have to stand aside and wait for kinder treatment in the future? Must we say that the word peace expresses a fine idea but an idea that is ^{not in} existence to-day?

no!! we are not going to say such a thing but on the other hand we are going to say that the angels song is true to-day, because of the coming of Jesus - He did not fail - nor was peace postponed because He was ahead of His time.

Jesus, in a way, finished His work

and the Father has been and is glorified in the Son - the peace Jesus came to bring is really here

Some right here might ask. Does this not conflict with matt 10:34 where it says (Christ speaking) "think not that I am come to send peace on earth - I came not to send peace but a sword"

we have to understand what was meant by the word peace in THIS connection. It meant temporal and spiritual prosperity especially temporal - The word ^{world} "earth" means "this world" rather than "on earth" They had become wicked till their cup was full so he was saying I have not come to give you prosperity but the Roman sword will cut you down

Now then, the peace Christ came to bring is in the world to-day - It is not peace between nations but a deeper peace - a peace among men of good will - peace between man and God - That man has good will.

peace expressed in a tear washed face as he leaves the penitent seat a saved person - In the eyes of the saint who dies in the faith. - 23rd psalm "Thou prepared a table before me etc"

we must not make the mistake of thinking
that peace comes to us by running away
from conflict - the soldier in the battle
may have this peace.

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

sinners do not give out the appearance
of peace but are like the troubled sea that
can not rest - But what a peace gladdens
the sinner's soul when he feels for-
given

"when peace like a river attendeth my
way - when sorrows like sea billows
toss - what a joy but thou hast taught
me to say - It is well with soul"

Second - we have peace in be-
lieving - "now the Lord of all hope fill
you with all joy and peace, in be-
lieving, that ye may abound in
hope, through the power of the Holy
Ghost." In the boat tossed by the storm
Paul could say - "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 to the Lord in prayer - we get
this strange peace and it passeth
understanding -

Jesus is all you need to obtain
peace with God for He is our peace.
Our God is still in control - He has
not failed - His Throne is not tottering.
Our Lord is yet able to still the
waves and bring in that great
calm.

