

GOD

WITH US

ADVENT 2021

WEEK #2 : PEACE







Hamster Wheel Life

My Brain  
My Heart  
My Relationships  
This World





## Luke 2

<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”





<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,





<sup>29</sup> *“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;*

*<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation*

*<sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,*

*<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.”*

<sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”





# We are designed for it

## Daily Mail

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# CHRISTMAS TRUCE AT FRONT

STORY TOLD IN  
LETTERS FROM  
THE TRENCHES  
TO DAILY MAIL

SNOWBALLS  
AND JOKES  
WITH THE FOE

EVERY day the Daily Mail is pleased to publish letters which have been sent by soldiers serving with the Expeditionary Force and sailors with the Fleet to their relatives and friends at home. The latest batch relate extraordinary Christmas stories.

A Major writes:

I must tell you a good story I have just heard. I hope it is not stale news to you.

The (name withheld) Regiment and the Germans in front of them, their trenches are only fifty yards apart. have established very friendly relations. They hardly ever snipe at one another now, although they attack each other vigorously when they are required to do so. Their friendly relations came about like this.

Over Christmas, some men were greatly struck by the antics of a big German in the trench opposite to them. He



The guns fall silent: British and German troops leave their trenches for a temporary truce on Christmas Day, exchanging gifts of tobacco and chocolate

but said they would have to fight on for the sake of the Fatherland.

Asked what they thought of the war, one of the Germans, speaking excellent English, replied that they were 'Well fed up'. Their trenches were in an awful condition, ten times worse than ours, and they are not exactly sanatoriums.

They wished each other 'Good luck', returned to their respective trenches, and at once started (in a friendly way) trying to bang each other off.

This reads very funny, but it is absolutely true.

gramophone playing in one of their trenches, and it must have broken down, for one of them shouted across to us in quite good English, 'Hep, you chaps, can any of you mend a gramophone? This one has got broken'. One of our fellows told him to bring it across and he would do his best, but he was afraid he could not do much with it, as it was probably made in Germany and therefore beyond all help.

Another fellow shouted across that he knew all about us, and that he was a barber in Argyle Street, Glasgow.

So you see, we are on quite

organic: some of them are more than clever.

I have been up to several places now well known to everyone through the newspapers, and I have also seen the great devastation caused through this war.

God forbid that anything similar should happen to dear old England: people at home cannot realize what war is.

It was a lovely day yesterday, very cold and a hard frost, but today it is back to the usual rain.

Christmas Eve was when I missed home the most. I thought of you and all the





- The Need For Peace
- The Pursuit of Peace
- The Gift of Peace



# The Need for Peace

Genesis 3:15

I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”

All of Creation

Physical

Relational

Spiritual



# The Pursuit of Peace

Medicinal

Tribal

Political

Relational





# The Pursuit of Peace

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Deny

Strive





# The Pursuit of Peace

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*(Simeon was) waiting for the consolation of Israel,*





## Luke 2

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

<sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, “**Fear not, FOR** behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”





# The Birth of Peace

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depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>  
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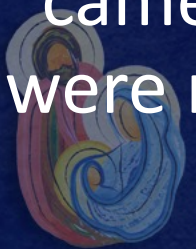


## The Birth of Peace

## The Gift of Peace

### Ephesians 2

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup> by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.





**The Birth  
of Peace**

**The Gift  
of Peace**

Mark 15:38

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.





**The Birth  
of Peace**

**The Gift  
of Peace**

**The Power  
of Peace**

John 14

<sup>25</sup> “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.





**The Birth  
of Peace**

**The Gift  
of Peace**

**The Power  
of Peace**

**The Future  
of Peace**

Isaiah 11:6

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.





# Living Peace

Luke 2:14

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests”



Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers, for  
they shall be called sons of God.