***6****While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,****7****and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in* ***cloths*** *and placed him in a* ***manger****, because there was* ***no guest room*** *available for them.*  Luke 2:6-7

***12****This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”* Luke 2:12

***13****Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and* ***saying****,* ***14****“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth* ***peace****to those on whom his favor rests.”* Luke 2:13-14

***15****When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”* Luke 2:15

**Q: How can we have “inner peace”?**

* **Relational Conflict**.

*If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.* Romans 12:18

* **Nations Conflict / Wars.**
* **Conflict Within.**

*“the peace of God which transcends all understanding.* Philippians 4:7

*He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.* Psalm 91:1

*all things work together for the good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose.* Romans 8:28

*and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:7

**GOOD NEWS: Jesus Is My PEACE!**

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*A heart at* ***peace*** *gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.*

Proverbs 14:30

Peace = “tranquility, harmony, or security, the absence of war.”

Peace in bible: 429x

OT: Hebrew word for “peace” is ***shalom***, and it refers to relationships between **people** (Gen 34:21); **nations** (1 Kings 5:12); and **God with** **men** (Psalm 85:5).

NT: Greek word for “peace” is ***eirene***, refers to “rest and tranquility”.

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,* ***Prince of Peace****.*  Isaiah 9:6

*In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a* ***census*** *should be taken of the entire Roman world.* ***2****(This was the first census that took place whileQuirinius was governor of Syria.)****3****And everyone went to their own town to register.* Luke 2:1-3

***4****So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.* Luke 2:4

*“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”* Micah 5:2

**KEY: People May Be In Political Leadership But God Is Ultimate Ruler.**

***5****He went there to register with Mary, who was* ***pledged*** *to be married to him and was expecting a child.* Luke 2:5

Mark 5:9-10

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