

## THE ADVENT OF PEACE: Luke 2:13-14

Inviting ppl awaken Las Vegas Gift tags make something bouquet bacon flowers  
IN blockbuster thriller Kung Fu Panda 2 - Master Shifu speaking mantra Inner Peace -

- UNTIL PO Panda chaos – moment gone - PEACE EASILY INTERRUPTED

THESE ARE NOT PEACEFUL TIMES – WORLD IS ANYTHING BUT PEACEFUL

- Restlessness, busyness, competition, wars, protests, polarized society **UNLV**

**Peace:** the absence of hostility and violence, a state of inner tranquility, harmony, and contentment, how you orient yourself in a world of chaos and order. **HOW ppl aren't at MP: The absence of peace has more to do with its misunderstanding than with the chaos or uncertainty of life.**

### NOT A PEACEFUL TIME FOR JOSEPH AND MARY

A turbulent experience – YOU THINK YOUR LIFE GET'S INTERRUPTED

- Betrothed – **Mary found w/child** – Joseph quietly div – **ANGEL SPEAKS**

**TURBULENT JOURNEY:** Peace wasn't arriving safely in Bethlehem

**UNSETTLING ARRIVAL:** Chaos of a packed city – **like finding room F1** - Peace wasn't quiet vibe of the countryside – and a place to deliver baby

**FRANTIC DELIVERY:** 25 yrs ago tod – Alec FRANTIC - Peace wasn't in a safe delivery

**PEACE WAS THE BABY THEY HELD IN THEIR ARMS – IT'S NOT XMAS SEASON JC**

### THE PURSUIT OF PEACE IS ILLUSIVE - SOME

**A PLACE:** New State - White noise ocean waves – fung shuway – incense

Global Peace Index: US Ranks 131<sup>st</sup> out of 162 nations – ICELAND #1: **too cold crime**

- **Nevada ranked 48 of 50 states....moving isn't going to bring peace heart**

**A PERSPECTIVE:** At Calm.org - Live in present. ... Cultivate positive mindset. ... Develop love for yourself. ... Practice self-care. ... Visualize a peaceful place. ... Learn to breathe effectively. ... Access nature. **UNTIL STUB YOUR TOE. Eaten bear**

**A PERSON:** **no hum can complete missing in u** - marriage doesn't complete – **pow peop**

**A PLEASURE:** no peace for wicked why? **IDOL** Experience stuff soul, **fleeting ANGST**

**"You have formed us for Yourself and our hearts are restless until they find rest in You." Augustine**

### THE SHALOM OF GOD IS THE ONLY TRUE PEACE – WORK THRU (XIANS TOO!!!)

**Glory to God in the Highest and on earth Peace..**

- Worship: Glory to God in the Highest – **ADORATION/EXALTATION HANDELS**
- Message: On earth Peace With those whom He is pleased

**SHALOM:** Hebrew word that means wholeness, completeness, and security.

**THE ADVENT JESUS - not just that Jesus brought peace – JESUS IS PEACE**

**PUZZLE:** Assisted Living / unfinished puzzle – **DISTURBING - SHALOM FINISHED**

- Wholeness is sum all parts coming tog – **COLLC FULNESS BRING PIC EXPER**
- Completeness means there are no missing pieces – **ANXIETY FIND MISSING**

**Shalom with God is a complete and unbroken relationship with Him.**

- Wholeness: Rel bROKEN – 2 WERE IN OPP RECONC COVENANT – WHOLE PIC
- Completeness: NOTHING is missing from that – **IT IS FINISHED – Don't STRIVE**
- Security: child of God, redeemed, justified, glorified – LOST RESCUED

**Shalom of God is wholeness, completeness, and security as the state of the Christ follower. EXPERIENCE THAT FLOWS FROM SHALOM WITH GOD**

- **In Christ** state of wholeness: All that God intends you to be, and to experience is present within you in Christ – **rest you have because you are IN HIM....**
- **In Christ** state of completeness: There is nothing missing, there is nothing that needs to be added. Every piece is present.

**INNER PEACE ISN'T MANTRA, MINDSET, PLACE – IT'S PERSON brought**

- **In Christ** you live in a State of Security: **ITS YOURS**

God's not capricious. Not going wake up 1day change his mind – **what can separate Basis flourishing life – sense of well-being – CONTENTMENT IN CHRIST - breathe NOT driven BAD LIFE DECISION FRANTIC FIND THING - PEACE**

MY EXPERIENCE vs. BIBLICAL REALITY: Sanctification is learning to live to that..

- Frustration, anxiety , stress warning lights lead back **GOD'S SHALOM**

1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may **the God of peace** himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

**SHALOM COMES AT A HIGH PRICE**

**Those with Whom He Is Pleased** – FOR YOU TO BE PLEASING GOD COST/

Lawrence Lowell (Pres of Harvard): **THE PRICE FOR PEACE IN THE GREAT WAR**

Is peace a thing for which it is worthwhile to pay a price? If not, it must be because the thing that can be obtained without price, (1) cannot be obtained at all, (2) or is not worth having.

- **BABY BORN TO LIVE DIE AND RISE AGAIN – PRINCE OF SHALOM**

Colossians 1:20 And through *Jesus* to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

- **HIS LIFE FOR YOURS - YOU WERE WORTH THE PRICE HE PAID**

Peace isn't something you achieve; it's something you receive because it was achieved for you.

**YOU FEEL SOMETHING IS MISSING – GOD HAS PLACED THAT RESTLESSNESS THERE JESUS MAKES YOU WHOLE MAKE YOU COMPLETE - SECURE**