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# THE PEACE OF CHRIST AT CHRISTMAS

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<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.



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<sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”



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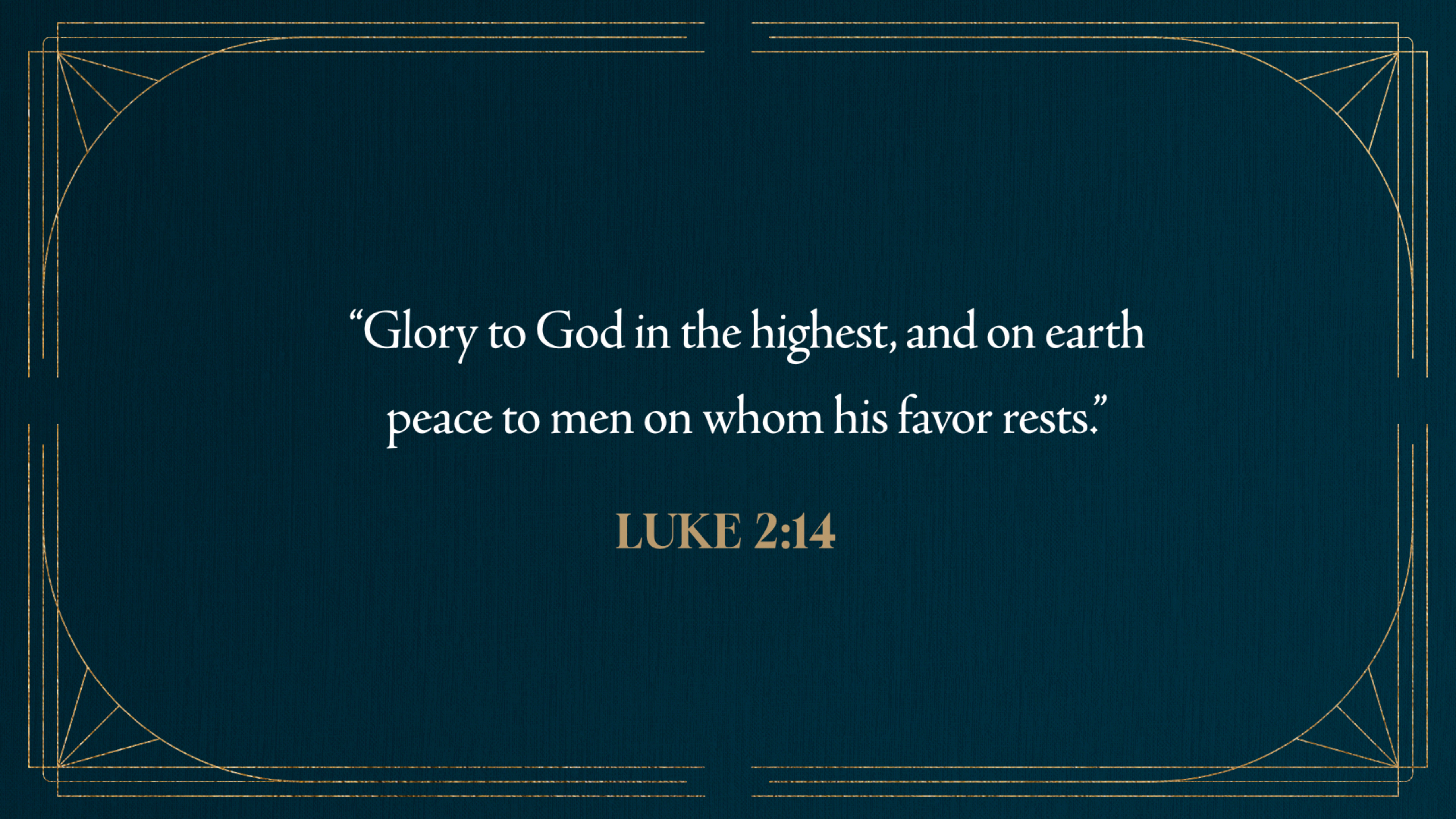
<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”



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<sup>15</sup> 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.”





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**LUKE 2:14**



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## ROMANS 11:35-36

<sup>35</sup>“Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?”

<sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever! Amen.



## REVELATION 5:12-13

<sup>12</sup>“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” <sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever.”



## REVELATION 19:5-7

<sup>5</sup> Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both small and great!" <sup>6</sup> Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns." <sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!"



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## EPHESIANS 1:3-5

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love, <sup>5</sup> he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with **his pleasure** and will—



## EPHESIANS 1:9-10

<sup>9</sup> And He made known to us the mystery of his will according to **His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ,** <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.



## ISAIAH 53:10

<sup>10</sup> Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.



## ISAIAH 53:11 (KJV)

<sup>11</sup>“He [God the Father] shall see of the travail of his [Christ Jesus’] soul, and shall be satisfied [His holy justice satisfied in the punishment for sin]: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many [the salvation of believing sinners]; for he shall bear their iniquities.”



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It establishes the position and experience of true peace.



## GENESIS 3:15, 21

<sup>15</sup>“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel” . . . <sup>21</sup> The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.



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Peace “on earth” in the eternal kingdom of Christ on earth



## REVELATION 21:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

<sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.



## REVELATION 21:1-7

<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.<sup>4</sup> He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”



## REVELATION 21:1-7

<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.



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<sup>7</sup> He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”



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