

THE ROAD OF HOPE

The Dusty Road — part 3



The Christmas Message:

Luke 2:1-20 – In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be registered. ² This first registration took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. ³ So everyone went to be registered, each to his own town.

⁴ Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David, ⁵ to be registered along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant.

⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ Then she gave birth to her firstborn son, and she wrapped him tightly in cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim

to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people ¹¹ Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: ¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people He favors!

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to

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us.” 16 They hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the manger. 17 After seeing them, they reported the message they were told about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had seen and heard, which were just as they had been told.

God’s Christmas gift to you:

_____ (eirene in Greek)(shalom in Hebrew) = _____
in all aspects of the body, soul and spirit – _____

Isaiah 9:6 – For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on His shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Prince of Peace in Greek is written is _____ (Χριστός)

What did Christmas teach about peace ...

1. To the shepherds?

You can have Peace because He _____.

2. To the magi?

You can have Peace because _____.

3. To the angels?

You can have Peace because God is in _____.

A gift given must be received.

John 3:16 – For God loved the world in this way: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

BIG TAKE-AWAY

The gift of _____ (shalom) is found when you receive God’s gift by placing your _____ and _____ in Jesus Christ.