

## Living Out Heavenly Peace...

Luke 2:8-14

“...the earthly city which does not live by faith seeks only an earthly peace, and limits the goal of its peace...to the voluntary and collective attainment of objectives necessary to mortal existence.”

**-Augustine, *the City of God***

The problem of peace depends on one's starting point. If it begins on earth then the challenge to make peace happen depends on us. If the origin of peace is heavenly then our task is to see heaven come to earth...

Peace is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Wherever God is, there is righteousness...

Wherever righteousness is there is \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ is the key that unlocks the door to \_\_\_\_\_.

“Jesus understood the difficulty inherent in the act of loving one's enemy...he realized that every genuine expression of love grows out of a consistent and total surrender to God.”

**-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

**Three Characteristics of God's Peace**

1.) God's peace is \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 2:12

It is meant to be \_\_\_\_\_.

2.) God's peace is \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 2:11

It is meant to \_\_\_\_\_.

3.) God's peace is \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 2:14

It is made \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Silent night, holy night!**

All is calm, All is bright  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child  
Holy Infant so Tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight!  
Glories stream from heaven afar;  
Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!  
Christ the Saviour is born!  
Christ the Saviour is born!

Silent night, Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,

With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord at thy birth;  
Jesus Lord at thy birth.

"Silent Night" is a traditional and popular Christmas carol. The original lyrics of the song *Stille Nacht* were written in German by the priest Father Josef Mohr and the melody was composed by the Austrian headmaster Franz X. Gruber. The version of the melody that is generally sung today differs slightly from Gruber's original.

In 1995 a manuscript written by hand by Josef Mohr was discovered. The said manuscript is believed to date back to 1820 and it reveals that the lyrics were written in 1816 by Mohr but the music was composed two years later by Gruber.

Silent Night was first written in 1816 by Josef Mohr, a priest in Austria. In 1816, he was sad that the organ was broken and found this poem he'd written earlier. The music was composed by his organist, Franz Gruber, for the mass the next evening. It was first performed with *only a guitar accompanying it*.