#### **BE A BRINGER**

"40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus...." John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

# PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against	
the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;"	I Samuel 12:23a



Praise God for a fantastic annual Abide Brazil Council meeting in April. This meeting is a great time of discipleship, fellowship, and learning.

Praise God that the Brazilian Jesus Christ Institute is growing.
The dream is to see this Institute in English, Portuguese and Spanish

- Praise God for two churches being planted, one in southern Brazil and one in northern Brazil
- Praise God that we are able to rewrite the book "The Satisfying Life" in Portuguese for future use

PRAY - Pray for Pam's health

- Pray for the Price family in Ohio. Bill Price recently passed away. The Price family has been a constant support for the McCords for many years.

- Pray that the McCords can successfully mentor futre leaders in Brazil.

# THE LIGHT HAS COME!

Handout: 12/07/25

Study Date: 12/14/25

# **Celebrate The Light**

The verse Luke 2:14 in the King James Version of the Bible reads, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

This verse comes from the account of the birth of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Luke. It is part of the angelic announcement to the shepherds in the fields of Bethlehem, where the angel informs them of the birth of the Savior. This verse has been the subject of much theological discussion and has been interpreted in various ways by scholars and theologians throughout history.

The first part of the verse, "Glory to God in the highest," emphasizes the heavenly proclamation of the coming of the Savior. This phrase denotes the praise and honor due to God for the miraculous event that has taken place. It acknowledges the divine glory and sovereignty of God, highlighting the significance of the birth of Jesus as a momentous occasion in the salvation history.

The second part of the verse, "and on earth peace, good will toward men," carries a message of hope and peace. It represents the promise of peace on earth as a result of the coming of Jesus Christ. The birth of Jesus brings with it the potential for reconciliation between humanity and God, as well as the potential for peace among people. The phrase "good will toward men" further emphasizes God's benevolence and kindness towards humanity, offering the hope of salvation and goodwill to all.

The themes present in this verse are central to the Christian faith. The message of peace and goodwill is a central tenet of the Gospel, reflecting the hope of reconciliation and redemption offered through Jesus Christ. The verse points to the idea of God's love and grace being extended to all people, regardless of their social status or background. It also highlights the significance of the birth of Jesus as a pivotal moment in the fulfillment of God's plan for salvation.

In conclusion, Luke 2:14 represents a powerful declaration of God's glory, peace, and goodwill towards humanity. It encapsulates the central message of the Gospel, emphasizing the hope and promise of salvation through the birth of Jesus Christ. The verse carries deep theological, historical, and cultural significance, and its themes of peace, reconciliation, and universal love continue to resonate with believers and non-believers alike. It stands as a profound and timeless declaration of God's redemptive love and the transformative power of the Gospel.

Resource: Bible.art

# **KEY VERSE**

Luke 2:14 (NKJV)

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Read Luke 2:1-20 Every Day

## WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Luke 2:1-3, 9, 14; Ephesians 5:8; Galatians 4:4

#### Celebrate The Period Of The Light

- 1. What is the glorious "proclamation" given to us in Luke 2:14? What message of hope was delivered to us by the *angel of the Lord*? (Lk. 2:9)
- 2. Jesus was very timely with His arrival according to Ephesians 5:8. The people were in "*darkness*" but He called them to "*walk as*".

#### Tuesday: Luke 2:4-5; Micah 5:2; II Peter 1:20-21

### **Celebrate The Place Of Light**

- 3. According to Luke 2:4-5, what city were Joseph and Mary, the mother of Jesus, journeying to and why?
- 4. What prophesy is being proclaimed in Micah 5:2? *Who* is he referring to as "*The One To be Ruler in Israel*" that will come out of Bethlehem?

# Wednesday: Luke 2:8, 10-11; I Corinthians 15:1, 3-4; Rom. 10:9

# **Celebrate The Purpose Of The Light**

- 5. What is the consistent message of Luke 2:10-11 and I Corinthians 15:3-4? According to these verses, *Who* has come to bring us salvation?
- 6. According to Luke 2:8 and 10, what classes of people will receive the gift of salvation? Will any classes be left out? *How* must we attain it? (Rom. 10:9)

#### Thursday: Luke 2:14a, 14b; Romans 5:1; Hebrews 12:14-15

#### Celebrate The Peace

- 7. Romans speaks an invaluable truth to us in verse 5:1. Through *what* are we "justified" to receive "*peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*?"
- 8. In Luke 2:14b, the angel of the Lord states; "And on earth peace, goodwill towards men!" As believers, what action is this verse calling us to?
- 9. Hebrews 12:14 says to "Pursue peace with all people, and holiness" But what warning follows in verse 15 that we all need to heed?"

#### **Friday: Luke 2:15-20**

#### **Celebrate The Proclamation Of The Light**

- 10. After the angels had left, the shepherds went to Bethlehem to witness what was made known to them. What did they find there? (Luke 2:15-16)
- 11. According to Luke 2:17-18 what did the shepherds do after they had "seen *Him?*" How did they *spread the Light?*
- 12. As followers of Christ we are ALL called to proclaim the Gospel and *spread the Light*! How are YOU *spreading the Light* in your community?