



What Ever Happened to Peace On Earth?

December 20, 2015

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Luke 2:6-7 (NIV)

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO PEACE ON EARTH?

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✓ **UNBEARABLE** _____.

✓ **UNEXPLAINABLE** _____.

✓ **OVERWHELMING** _____.

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Luke 2:10-14 (NIV, emphasis added)

HOW ON EARTH CAN I FIND PEACE?

²⁷ "I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid."

John 14:27 (LB)

1. RECEIVE GOD'S _____.

¹ Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

Romans 5:1 (NLT)

2. RUN TO GOD'S _____.

³ You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.

Isaiah 26:3 (NIV)

3. REALIGN ON GOD'S _____.

¹⁶⁵ Great peace have they who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.

Psalms 119:165 (NIV)

4. RELY ON GOD'S _____.

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