

GLORY TO GOD AND PEACE TO MEN

Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

1. Read verses 1-7. What do these verses suggest about worldly power and glory? Contrast the power and glory of Caesar on the throne with the baby Jesus laid in a manger. (Think about 1 Peter 1:24,25 and Psalm 8:1-4.)
2. Read verses 8-14. To whom did the angel announce the birth of Jesus? What was their response to the angel? (8,9) What was the message of the angel? (10-12) What does this tell us about the baby Jesus?
3. Read verse 11 again. What does it mean that a "Savior" has been born? Review mankind's need for a Savior--Ge 3:15,17,19; Ro 5:12. Why the town of David? (4; 2Sa 7:11; Isa 9:6,7; 11:1) How does this reveal God's glory?
4. What is peace? How can there be peace among men? (Eph 5:33; Jn 14:27) How does eternal life bring peace? (Jn 6:35; 67-69) Why does the pilgrim life bring peace? (Mk 8:35,36) How does the kingdom of God give peace? (Jn 14:2; Lk 23:42-43; Rev 21:4) How can you live for the glory of God?