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**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOODWILL TOWARD
ALL MANKIND.**

PEACE.

and

GOODWILL.

The Babe of Bethlehem in that manger long ago came to bring both of these precious gifts of God to all humankind. They were rare commodities in His time, even as they are today. In much of our world, they are nonexistent. Rather, there are wars and rumors of wars. There are signs of Armageddon everywhere. Men and nations are divided, divisive, and dangerous. Hatred abounds, especially in the Middle East. War has been defined anew, terrorists at work at the grassroots level and earth-destroying nuclear explosions in the air. The ways to kill have never been more sophisticated or numerous. The blessed terror, Iranian fanatics tell us, shall be the lot of the infidel. We live in a world of fear and without peace.

There is such little goodwill and so little respect among men and nations. Humankind has lost the ability to treat neighbors as ourselves. We no longer turn the other cheek in love, but rather revenge and retribution rule. Our fellow human beings are not brothers or sisters, but often enemies. We suspect rather than respect. There are barriers everywhere throughout the world in every nation, in every state and city, in neighborhoods and even in the home. We look everywhere for kindness, gentility and goodwill and find so very little in this world.

But both peace and goodwill are there for the taking. They are the precious and eternal gifts of the Babe. To accept Him and all that He means is to accept them. To be one with Him is to inherit the peace and goodwill He offers. Jesus Christ and all that He means is the answer to the critical, cataclysmic problems of this dark, dreary and dangerous world. His peace is the only anecdote to nuclear war and terrorism.

So, let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with:

HIM!

Then, let it be spread by:

ME!

For no nation can bring peace to the world, but only the people of that nation, the God-made human beings who live and interact there. You and me. For peace and goodwill can only come when we love our neighbors as we love ourselves and HIM. For every human being God has created is equal and precious in His sight. Therefore, every such human being must be precious in our sight. And if every human being is loved, cherished, and respected, including our enemies, peace follows naturally. Goodwill is a matter of course. For the love of Christ in us constrains and patiently tolerates. That love accepts differences and fosters understanding. Peace and goodwill grow and prosper in such a loving environment. All of that sayeth the Scriptures, is the meaning of the Babe of Bethlehem. That is what His birth, and His life and His death, and His Resurrection are all about.

It is safe to say that this kind of peace and goodwill can not exist among men without HIM. His love, His transforming and saving love, can so change a life and radically remove evil and hate, war and ill will, and replace them with peace and goodwill. The nations of this world can not order peace by fiat, dialogue, agreement or pact. We the people, loving believers are the ones to bring peace and goodwill. That personal, trusting, saving relationship with THE BABE is the energy, the life force which makes us peaceful men and women of goodwill.

Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift! Thanks be to God for the Son of God, the Saviour and Messiah, the Babe of Bethlehem.

To you and those you love, a merry and blessed Christmas. May peace and goodwill be your portion and may you be challenged to spread that peace and goodwill to all in the New Year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS.

For Old Glory,
For The Babe's Glory,

DONALD B. CRAWFORD, President
and The CBC Corporate Staff

Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master.
Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.
Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.
Had no army, yet Kings feared Him.
He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.
He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.
He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.