

Peace On Earth, Good Will To Men

As I write this article North Korea seems determined to start a conflict with the Republic of South Korea. They have shelled a village in the south and have killed two of their marines. They threaten that they are not done yet and more terror is on the way. The Palestinians threaten each and every day from the Gaza strip Israel's safety through the use of rockets being fired into Israel. They push the world to accept the fact that Jerusalem belongs to them. Iran continues to threaten the world with their pursuit of nuclear weapons. It goes on and on. There seems to be no hope for peace on Earth.

Through the holiday seasons there are many who struggle day in and day out with depression and many more are in a desperate situation in their lives. With unemployment high and home foreclosures rising through the roof many families wonder what tomorrow will bring. For them peace seems to be a wishful thing that they are unable to grasp.

Our soldiers are scattered all over the world protecting us and others pursuing peace. They are in Iran and Afghanistan not knowing day by day if they will remain safe from the extremist. For their loved ones at home many prayers are lifted up for them. As they count down the days til their sons and daughters come home from harm's way the anxiety and lack of peace grows. For them there is little peace.

As we remember Christmas this year we must focus our eyes upon that stable in Bethlehem and realize that in that manger many years ago lies our peace. In the eyes of baby Jesus true love can be experienced and hope springs eternal.

Let us pray that God will bring peace on Earth and in our hearts this season. Keep focused upon Christ and He will provide the hope, the love and the peace you have been longing for.

From our family to yours have a blessed and happy Christmas season. ~ Pastor Steve