

**Missing Christmas**  
**King Herod: Missing Peace**  
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*"Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." Matthew 2:14 NLT*

*This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault. Colossians 1:21-22*

**Key Verses of the Day**

*For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen! Isaiah 9:6-7 NLT*

*Matthew 2:1-5, 7-12, 13-17*

**Don't Miss This!**

The Magi traveled to \_\_\_\_\_ **THE** King, but Herod was determined to remain \_\_\_\_\_.

**Key Thought of the Day**

People today miss the \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus desires to bring to them, because they refuse to allow him to be \_\_\_\_\_ over their life.

**Grab This!**

If People don't surrender \_\_\_\_\_ of their lives to Jesus, then they will never truly know the \_\_\_\_\_ he brings!

**Missing The True Reason For Christmas Means...**

- Missing PEACE with \_\_\_\_\_.

*"And you, my little son, will be called the prophet of the Most High, because you will prepare the way for the Lord. You will tell his people how to find salvation through forgiveness of their sins. Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace." Luke 1:76-79 NLT*

*"And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21 NLT*

*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. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. Romans 5:1-2 NLT*

### **Don't Miss This!**

People who miss having a relationship with Jesus miss experiencing peace with God, because the only way to have peace with God is through \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Missing The True Reason For Christmas Means...**

- Missing PEACE within \_\_\_\_\_.

*"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." - Jesus, John 14:27 NLT*

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 NLT*

### **Grab This!**

When we know Jesus we can have peace of \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Missing The True Reason For Christmas Means...**

- Missing PEACE in the \_\_\_\_\_ some day.

### **Don't Miss This!**

In the New Heaven and the New Earth we will physically experience the \_\_\_\_\_ for the first time in our lives.

*In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard will lie down with the baby goat. The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion, and a little child will lead them all. The cow will graze near the bear. The cub and the calf will lie down together.*

*The lion will eat hay like a cow. The baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra. Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes without harm. Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for as the waters fill the sea, so the earth will be filled with people who know the Lord. Isaiah 11:6-9 NLT*

*"Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." Luke 2:14 NLT*

*For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross. Colossians 1:19-20 NLT*

### **The Bottom Line**

Know Jesus... \_\_\_\_\_!

### **The Challenge**

1. Do you need to experience the peace that Jesus brings? What steps do you need to take in your life to know that peace?
2. Who do you know in your life that needs to know the Prince of Peace? What are you going to do to make sure that they know how Jesus can bring the ultimate peace of God into their lives.