

## PEACE ON EARTH (Luke 2:14)

### A. MAN'S LACK of Peace on Earth

1. Over the last 6,000 years, there have been an estimated \_\_\_\_\_ wars fought among mankind, with only \_\_\_\_\_ years of peacetime without war in the last 3,400 years.
2. The lack of peace on Earth began with war in \_\_\_\_\_ when Satan rebelled against God. (Ezek. 28:15, 17; Isa. 14:12-14; Rev. 12:7-10)
3. War against God and among mankind was brought to Earth by Satan with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Adam and Eve into \_\_\_\_\_ in the Garden of Eden. (Gen. 3:1-5)
  - *What effect did this have on their descendants? (Gen. 4:8, 23; 6:5, 11-12)*
  - *What was the result for all mankind toward God? (Rom. 5:12; Col. 1:21; Eph. 2:1-3)*

### B. GOD'S PROVISION of Peace on Earth

1. Since God is a God \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 15:33; 16:20; Phil. 4:9; 1 Thess. 5:23; 2 Thess. 3:16; Heb. 13:20), He made provision for mankind to have peace \_\_\_\_\_ Him (Rom. 5:1) through \_\_\_\_\_, who is our peace (Eph. 2:14).
  - *What is the "gospel of peace"? (Rom. 10:15; Eph. 2:17; 6:15)*
  - *How is this peace with God received? (Luke 2:8-14; 7:50; Rom. 5:1)*
2. The God of peace also desires that believers continually experience the peace \_\_\_\_\_ (Phil. 4:7; Col. 3:15), which is the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22), enjoyed through a walk of \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 15:13).
  - *Where is this peace not found? (John 14:27; 16:33)*

### **C. CHRIST'S REIGN of Peace on Earth**

1. After the Rapture of the church, at the beginning of the Tribulation, mankind will attempt to achieve world peace without Jesus Christ, which will be a \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Thess. 5:3; Rev. 6:4)
2. Only the Return of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, to establish His \_\_\_\_\_ will bring permanent peace on Earth. (Isa. 9:6-7; Rom. 16:20; Rev. 19-22)