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THE HOLY BIBLE
Please memorize this portion
LUKE 1: 28 to 35

28. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.
29. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.
30. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.
31. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.
32. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:
33. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.
34. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?
35. And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

THE PEACE OF GOD IN CHRIST! Embracing the True Spirit of Christmas!



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As the holiday season unfolds, the world is adorned with vibrant displays of festivities, twinkling lights, and joyful carols. Yet, amid these celebrations, a profound yearning for peace, healing, and hope lingers in the human heart. Christmas - the celebration of Jesus Christ's birth - delivers a transformative message of peace that transcends traditional festivities. Through Christ, we find not only the joy of the season but also a deep, enduring peace that brings healing and liberation from sin, shame, and the anxieties of a fractured world.



THE MESSAGE OF PEACE IN THE BIRTH OF CHRIST!

The Christmas story, depicted in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, heralds a new dawn of hope for humanity. The angels proclaimed

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"The LORD is near to all who call upon Him,
To all who call upon Him in truth." - Psalm 145:18



Dearly beloved in Christ Jesus,

It is our great privilege to greet you in the most wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Name above all names!

Yes, we are safe by the grace of God Jesus Christ. The Lord has touched our co-workers through His Power and healed them from various diseases and mental agonies.

By God's grace we had conducted a special camp for the ladies on 19th of October 2024. Sis. Angeline Selvakumari, our Hon. Chief Editor



Special camp for ladies at Main Church

has delivered God's message. The ladies who attended the meeting enjoyed the healing touch of God in their personal lives and family lives.



JOSHUA WARRIORs Men's Camp at Mahabalipuram

Likewise we had a One Day Special Camp exclusively for men under the name JOSHUA WARRIORs at a camp site near Mahabalipuram about 60 Kilometers from Chennai. We hired a bus along with our own mini buses. 70 men attended this camp. Special preachers preached. Play time, Prayer time, sharing time and commitment time were included. Few backslidden men came forward with tears and

committed their lives to Jesus Christ. They will attend Church and participate in the ministry with immediate effect. We provided breakfast, lunch, snacks and tea as well as a T-shirt to everyone free of cost. Please pray for them.

Just like you, we are all busy in arranging gospel programmes, during this month based on the birth of our living and loving Saviour Jesus Christ. This is the best season to reach the unreachable communities through our gifts, food, clothes, Church programmes, outreach programmes etc. Please pray for good health of all our fellow workers.

We are so thankful to our dear brothers and sisters who have upheld us during the past year, 2024 through prayer and support. We can testify that during terrible difficult times, the Lord did not allow us to fear as He was travelling with us all the time.

His rod and His staff have strengthened and comforted us. ...**Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.** Psalm 23:4. We do hope the New Year 2025 will be a great blessing to His children.

We love you so much beyond words and pray for you as well as your loved ones.

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26.

We wish you a Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year 2025!

Your servants in Christ Jesus,

Pr. Alex Samson Sam

Pr. S. Sam Selva Raj

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- Pr. S. Sam Selva Raj

... All continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. Acts 1:14

We wish to pray together with Godly people of the Southern Districts of Tamil Nadu!

Deliverance Prayer for God's Children and World Peace!

Place: Echo of His Call World Peace Prayer Centre,
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Eranial-Thuckalay Main Road,
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Time : 13-12-2024

2nd Friday

10.00 A.M. to 12.00 noon



Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj will join with his ministerial workers.

Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj was born and received God's calling in Kanyakumari District and he is having multifarious ministries for the past 55 years, with his Head Quarters in Chennai.

As per the revelation from God, God willing this meeting will be conducted on the second Friday of every month at 10.00 A.M. Sick will be prayed for! The Lord Jesus Christ will do wonders!!

God's children who are enabled by the Lord can join. Children of God residing far and having a burden for this prayer can pray from their respective places at the same time.

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to the shepherds, **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!** Luke 2:14, ESV. In this proclamation, peace is inseparably linked with the joy of Christ's birth—a glimpse into the profound impact He would have in reconciling humanity to God.

Isaiah's prophecy captures this message beautifully: **For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.** Isaiah 9:6, ESV. The title **Prince of Peace** encapsulates Jesus's mission to bring peace to a world marred by sin and strife.

THE PEACE OF GOD AS OUR ANCHOR!

In life's turbulent moments, the peace of God becomes an anchor for our souls. The Apostle Paul writes in Philippians 4:6-7, **Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus** (ESV). This peace is transformative, offering security and calm amid life's storms. Through Christ, we are invited into a relationship with God that assures us of His constant presence and care. Whether during the festive season or times of personal sorrow, His peace envelops us, reminding us that we are not alone.

FREEDOM FROM SIN AND SHAME!

One of Christmas's most powerful messages is the liberation from sin and shame offered through Jesus. Humanity's brokenness, marked by sin and guilt, often results in feelings of inadequacy and shame. The birth of Jesus signifies divine intervention aimed at redemption. As the Angel Gabriel assured Mary, **For nothing will be impossible with God.** Luke 1:37, ESV. The arrival of the Messiah was not merely a miraculous event but the initiation of a new covenant between God and humanity. Jesus came to save us from our sins, as Matthew 1:21 proclaims: **She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.**

Paul reinforces this message, who poignantly states in Romans 8:1 that ... **there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.**

(ESV). This proclamation is one of hope and freedom. Jesus bore our sin and shame on the cross, offering not only forgiveness but also a new identity as beloved children of God.

THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS!!

The peace of God is profoundly tied to the forgiveness we receive through Christ. This forgiveness dismantles the chains of sin and shame, allowing us to walk in newfound freedom. As Paul writes in Colossians 1:13-14, **He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.** (ESV). Embracing this truth frees us from the weight of the past, lifting the burden of guilt and enabling us to live fully in the present. Christmas, therefore, becomes a celebration of that freedom - a freedom to approach God with confidence, no longer defined by our past mistakes.

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Consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry out to the LORD. Joel 1:14.

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TO SHARE (Galatians 6:2)

SUPPORT (Romans 12:13)

SPEED UP (II Timothy 1:6)

PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS - From December 19, 2024 To January 18, 2025

(Please take this sheet out, fold it and keep it in your Bible and pray continuously)



†PRAISE GOD FOR...

December 19 ⇒ All our Associate Editors and their families.

December 20 ⇒ The continuous operation of our Gospel Printing Press and its efficient staff.

December 21 ⇒ Divine protection over our Senior Pastor and his family, safeguarding them from all kinds of evil forces.

December 22 ⇒ The unwavering commitment of our Mission workers.

December 23 ⇒ God's mercy and grace upon our Prayer Partners, Subscribing Partners, Faith Partners, Life Partners, and Great Commission Partners, along with their families.

December 24 ⇒ His abundant blessings on the families of our ministry workers.

December 25 ⇒ The birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, who came to redeem us all.

December 26 ⇒ The blessing of all our Christmas celebrations this year.

December 27 ⇒ The impactful work of **St. Paul's Matriculation School, Nehemiah Bible College**, and our **Theological Correspondence Course** in serving those in need.

December 28 ⇒ His blessings on the special meetings and seminars of **Echo of His Call Ministries** throughout 2024 and 2025.

December 29 ⇒ Blessing the servants of God with divine protection throughout this year.

December 30 ⇒ The smooth and fruitful operation of Christian organizations throughout this year.

December 31 ⇒ Miraculously meeting all our needs in 2024.

January 01 ⇒ His guidance and blessings on all readers and people worldwide, leading us into the New Year 2025.

January 02 ⇒ New promises for 2025, bringing hope and blessing to all Churches and believers.

January 03 ⇒ Continued blessings upon all Christian organizations and Churches in the year 2024.

†PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

January 04 ⇒ The growth of peace and humanity worldwide.

January 05 ⇒ Protection from new diseases and good health for people around the world.

January 06 ⇒ Divine protection over all Churches against evil forces.

January 07 ⇒ World leaders to be guided by divine wisdom, working for the well-being of all people.

January 08 ⇒ The Principal, teachers, students, and staff of **St. Paul's Matriculation School, Nehemiah Bible College**, and the **Theological Correspondence Course**.

January 09 ⇒ God's mighty hand to be upon Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj and his family throughout 2025.

January 10 ⇒ Peace among nations and economic prosperity.

January 11 ⇒ Harmony within families everywhere.

January 12 ⇒ God's provision for our needs this month.

January 13 ⇒ The successful completion of our Senior Pastor's autobiography.

January 14 ⇒ The expansion of our ministry and the spread of the gospel worldwide.

January 15 ⇒ An end to violence among youth, and that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

January 16 ⇒ Christians to follow God's Word and demonstrate Christ-like character.

January 17 ⇒ Suitable and dedicated employees for our organization.

January 18 ⇒ God's blessings upon our Prayer Partners, Subscribing Partners, Faith Partners, Life Partners, Great Commission Partners, and their families.

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HOPE IN A BROKEN WORLD!

Amid the festive lights and joyful gatherings, many silently grapple with brokenness, disillusionment, and despair. The trials of daily life - strained relationships, communities affected by violence, and the heavy grief of loss - can cloud the season's joy. In such a world, the birth of Christ offers a steadfast beacon of hope.

Jesus's arrival symbolizes God's unchanging commitment to humanity. As the light of the world, He shines against the darkness. John 8:12 affirms, **Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.** (ESV). This light brings hope, even when life feels overwhelming.

The Apostle Paul reminds us that our hope is anchored in our faith in Christ—a hope that touches both the present and the future. In Romans 15:13, he prays, **May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in hope.** (ESV). As we reflect on the hope Jesus brings this Christmas, we are called to share that hope with others, assuring those who are suffering that solace can be found in Christ.



HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS!

The message of Christmas extends a hand to those burdened by hopelessness. Many feel lost or overwhelmed, weighed down by life's hardships. Yet the Prophet Jeremiah offers this reminder: **For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.** Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.

Jesus embodies this hope. His life and teachings offer comfort and purpose, assuring us that our circumstances do not define our worth or potential. In a world yearning for meaning, the Christmas message urges us to trust in Jesus, who sparks hope even in life's darkest moments.



JESUS CHRIST AS THE PRINCE OF PEACE IN A TROUBLED WORLD!

Our world faces countless challenges—conflict, poverty, injustice, and division. As we celebrate the birth of Christ, we are reminded that He came to address the heart of these struggles. Jesus is not just the bearer of peace; He is its very essence, calling us to be

peacemakers in our own lives. Matthew 5:9 states, **Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.** (ESV). Throughout His ministry, Jesus exemplified peacemaking by reaching out to the marginalized, reconciling adversaries, and healing the brokenhearted. His example encourages us to actively pursue peace within our relationships and communities.



THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH!

The Church plays a pivotal role in bringing Christ's peace to a troubled world. As the body of Christ, we are called to manifest God's love and grace in real, tangible ways. In Ephesians 2:14-16, Paul writes, **For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.** (ESV).

This passage emphasizes that through Christ, barriers are dismantled, and unity is established. In a divided world, the Church should be a beacon of hope, exemplifying forgiveness and reconciliation. Our actions become a powerful testament to the peace Christ provides.

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PIT TO PALACE

(Life experiences of Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj)

“Whoever reads, let him understand” (Matthew 24:15)



MY FAILURES WERE LADDERS FOR SUCCESS!

From the very inception of **Echo of His Call**, our ministry has placed great emphasis on personal prayer, group prayer, fasting, and night prayers. This ministry was not built on the strength of manpower or financial power, but on the power of prayer.

At times, God brought hostile individuals to challenge us, while at other times, He surrounded me with supportive people. Through it all, God led me in miraculous ways.

Looking back, I see how He guided me among those who did not know Him and even those who opposed our ministry, yet His work was accomplished. Through **Echo of His Call**, many people have experienced supernatural signs and wonders in their lives.

Our night prayers and evening gatherings brought numerous blessings to people, and I prioritised these meetings above all else. Initially, when only a few people attended, those around us seemed indifferent. However, as the numbers grew, our unified songs and prayers became a source of discomfort for some neighbors, who saw it as an intrusion. Without a dedicated place of worship, we moved our gatherings to a nearby beach.

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HEALING THE HUMAN HEART FROM FEAR, ANXIETY, AND DEPRESSION!

The holiday season often heightens feelings of fear, anxiety, and depression for many. The contrast between societal expectations and personal struggles can lead to overwhelming emotions. However, Jesus offers

profound healing and restoration to our weary souls.

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PRESENCE!

In times of anxiety, God invites us to seek His presence. In Psalm 23:4, David proclaims, **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.** (ESV). This assurance of God's presence reminds us that we are never alone in our struggles.

As attendance increased and more lives were blessed, we encountered new challenges. Despite these difficulties, we felt compelled to continue these meetings, and this only deepened the burden on my heart to persist in God's work.

To address this challenge, a prayer partner and I began praying earnestly, on our knees, until midnight. We asked the Lord to intervene in some way. For several days, He enabled us to hold these gatherings in large, rented marriage halls. God provided the strength and commitment to conduct these prayer meetings with dedication and sacrifice.

In response, the Lord blessed us with our own building where we could gather without needing anyone's mercy. Isn't our God wonderful? Achieving this victory took many years, and we had to wait patiently, enduring with perseverance.

Dear Reader, God doesn't always act immediately. He values our endurance and fervent spirit in prayer. At the right time, the Lord will lift you up. Until then, humble yourself under His mighty hand. **...Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.** 1 Peter 5:6.

Additionally, in 1 Peter 5:7, we are encouraged to **cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.** (NIV). No burden is too heavy for Him to bear. By entrusting our fears and anxieties to God, we experience a profound release and an infusion of His peace.

HEALING THROUGH JESUS!

Jesus came to heal the brokenhearted and restore the afflicted. In moments of despair, we

can turn to Him as our source of strength. In Isaiah 61:1, the prophet declares, **The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.** (ESV).

This promise extends to emotional, spiritual, and physical healing. By looking towards Christ, we find solace in knowing He understands our pain. He invites us to lay our burdens at His feet, receiving restoration and hope in return.

 **JESUS - THE ULTIMATE SOURCE OF PEACE!**

As we navigate the complexities of life, it is essential to recognize that Jesus is the ultimate source of peace. He offers not only tranquility amid turmoil but also a foundation of eternal hope.

 **EMBRACING PEACE IN DAILY LIFE!**

To experience this peace, we must nurture a relationship with

Christ through prayer, Scripture, and fellowship. Encourages us to focus on things that are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and commendable—those that are excellent or worthy of praise. (Philippians 4:8) (ESV). By centering our minds on these virtues, we welcome God's peace into our daily lives.

In Galatians 5:22-23, Paul speaks of the fruit of the Spirit, which includes peace. As we walk in the Spirit and submit to God, we naturally embody this peace in our interactions and choices. Peace becomes not merely a feeling but a way of life, expressed through our love and compassion for others.

 **SHARING THE GIFT OF PEACE!**

As we experience the transformative peace of Christ, we are called to share it with the world. In a society marked by division and unrest, our Christian witness becomes a testament to the hope found in Jesus. This Christmas, let us invite others to experience God's peace alongside us.

CONCLUSION
THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS!

Christmas is more than just a holiday; it encapsulates the divine message of peace, hope, and healing. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we are reminded that true peace lies in a relationship with Him. Our freedom from sin, the hope He offers amid brokenness, and His call to be peacemakers all deepen our understanding of this season's significance.

In a world that often feels chaotic and divided, Jesus stands as a beacon of hope and reconciliation. Through His love, we reflect God's heart, sharing His peace with a troubled world. Let us embrace the true spirit of Christmas by allowing His peace to transform us and by extending that peace to others.

In the words of the Apostle Paul, “**And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful**” (Colossians 3:15, ESV). May this Christmas bring us closer to this peace, rooted in Christ, and empower us to share it with a world in need.

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