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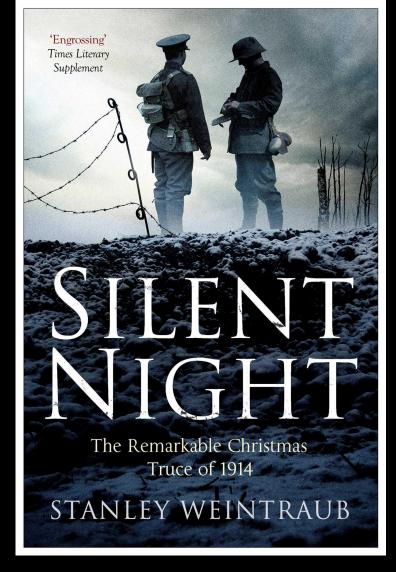
5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 5:1-5



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# **SILENT NIGHT**

## WE NEED A SILENT NIGHT

### **REST**

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace

Answer me when I call to you,
my righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear
my prayer.
Psalm 4:1
In peace I will lie down and
sleep,
for you alone, LORD,
make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 4:8

### Psalm 37:7

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. (NIV)

**Rest in the L**ORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. (NKJV)

Be silent before the LORD and wait expectantly for him; do not be agitated by one who prospers in his way, by the person who carries out evil plans. (CSB)

Surrender yourself to the LORD, and wait patiently for him. Do not be preoccupied with an evildoer who succeeds in his way when he carries out his schemes. (GW)



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### **WONDER**

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.







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### **WAITING**

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy
face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

<sup>4</sup> But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

Galatians 4:4-5

## DAWN OF REDEEMING GRACE

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

<sup>29</sup> "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:





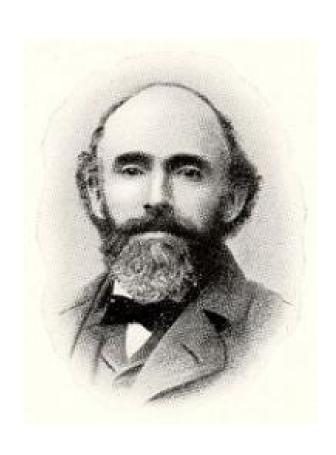
"Father God, Your word tells us that all of creation is groaning, waiting to be redeemed. We know the end of the story one day, you'll answer the cries of our hearts and of this broken world and make all things new. Every sad thing will be undone, and we'll be with you forever in perfect peace." Amy Green, Crosswalk 09/06/2021

# What a silent Christmas teaches us:-

- Rest in Him.
- Rediscover Wonder & Awe.
- Relearn what is Hope.







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It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!

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Till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth.

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Fall on your knees
Oh hear the angel voices
Oh night divine
Oh night when Christ was born
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<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16



Led by the light of Faith sevenely beaming With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming Here come the Wise Men from Orient land The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger In all our trials born to be our friend He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger Behold your King; before Him lowly bend

#### **BEHOLD YOUR KING**

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself by becoming obedient to deathTruly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His Gospel is Peace Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother

And in His name, all oppression shall cease Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we

Let all within us Praise His Holy name Christ is the Lord; O praise His name forever! His power and glory evermore proclaim His power and glory evermore proclaim

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