

## Are You Sure ... About Heaven?

Please think carefully about this most important question:

"If you should die right now, are you sure you would go to Heaven?" If your answer is anything except, "Yes, I am 100% sure I am going to Heaven", then this message is for you. The Bible teaches four things you must believe before Heaven can be your eternal home:

#1 - You are a sinner. Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." God says that everyone has done something against His wishes. This is sin. Only God is perfect and without sin. Search your heart. You will see the things that God sees.

#2 - There is a Penalty for Sin. Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." God says we all have sinned and earned the punishment of death. One day your body will die and your soul (the real you) will go to live forever with either a Holy God in Heaven or with the Devil in the torture of Hell. God's will is that no one suffers in Hell but that everyone receives His gift of eternal life which is freely available to you through Jesus Christ.

#3 - Jesus Christ Has Paid for Your Sins. Romans 5:8 "For God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." God proved His love for us by sending His only begotten Son to pay our sin penalty. Jesus Christ led a sinless life, yet He willingly laid down His life as a perfect sacrifice for us. Have you ever seen a picture of Jesus on the cross? Jesus let them nail His hands and feet to the cross and God the Father placed all your past, present and future sins on Him. He died with all your sin on Him so you may live with Him in Heaven. Would you like that?

#4 - Ask Jesus Now Romans 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." This verse is God's promise that if you believe Jesus is God's Son who died to pay for your sins, God will hear you and save you instantly. Will you ask Jesus to be your Savior? Right now pray this simple prayer...

"Dear Lord, I know that I am a sinner. I know that Jesus died on the cross for me. Forgive me of my sin. Come into my heart and save me. In Jesus' name, Amen."

God bless you! It is great to be a Christian! Please contact us so we may rejoice with you!

On this day: \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_, received Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.

Grace Independent Baptist Church 443-867-6809 Pastor Don

## Christmas Eve

A Christmas message in music and scripture celebrating the birth of Christ !



## Candlelight Service

2025



Cookies and Hot Chocolate in the Social Hall !

## THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR

1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!  
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!  
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

2. There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth,  
for the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.  
Ay! the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

3. In the light of that star lie the ages impearled;  
and that song from afar has swept over the world.  
Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing  
in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!

4. We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song  
that comes down through the night from the  
heavenly throng.  
Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring,  
and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!

## I Wonder as I Wander

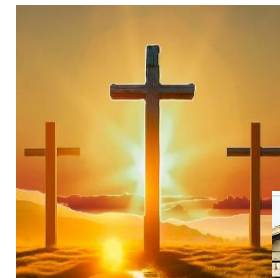
### Wonder As I Wander

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,  
How Jesus, the Saviour, did come for to die.  
For poor, ornery people like you and like I  
I wonder as I wander  
Out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cows' stall,  
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.  
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,  
And the promise of ages  
It did then recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing:  
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing;  
Or all of God's angels in heaven to sing,  
He surely could have had it,  
'Cause He was the King!

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I wonder as I wander  
Out under the sky.



## SILENT NIGHT HOLY NIGHT

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.



Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight!  
Glories stream from heaven afar;  
Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!  
Christ the Saviour is born! Christ the Saviour is born!

Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light!  
With the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King!  
Christ the Saviour is here, Jesus the Saviour is here!

Silent night, Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,

**Jesus Lord at thy birth; Jesus Lord at thy birth.**

**CHOIR: Infant Holy**

Congregation: Angels from the Realms of Glory

**Donna Goins – There's A Song In The Air**

**LUKE 2:1-20 Scripture Reading**

Congregation: O Little Town of Bethlehem

Scripture Reading

**Marlene Dowell: Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy**

Scripture Reading

Congregation: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

**Ariana Stonesifer - In the Bleak Midwinter & The First Noel**

Scripture Reading

**CHOIR: O Holy Night**

Scripture Reading Congregation: Away in a Manger

**O Come All Ye Faithful**

Scripture Reading

**Karen and Robin - Mary Did You Know?**

Scripture Reading

Congregation: Joy to the World



## MESSAGE: Pastor Don

### Form a circle, light the candles, Sing Silent Night

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

It came upon a midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,  
From heaven’s all-gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies  
they come,  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heavenly music  
floats  
O’er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains,  
They bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o’er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.



For lo!, the days are hastening on,  
By prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever-circling years  
Comes round the age of gold  
When peace shall over all the earth

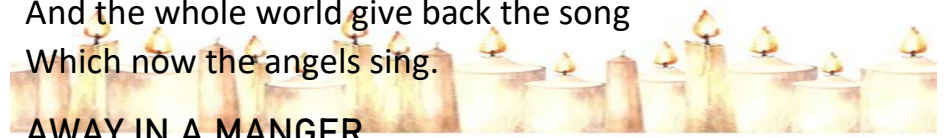
Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven, to live with Thee there.





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FAITHFUL

COME ALL YE

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to  
Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him  
Born the King of Angels:

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,



Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!  
Glory to God  
In the highest:

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given!  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing!

## **The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy**

The virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
The virgin Mary a baby boy,  
The virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
And they said that his Name was Jesus.

[Refrain:]

He come from the glory  
He come from the glorious Kingdom  
He come from the glory  
He come from the glorious Kingdom.

The angels sang when the baby was born,  
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The angels sang when the baby was born,  
And they said that his Name was Jesus.

The wise men saw  
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### **O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**

O little town of Bethlehem How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars together Proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King  
And Peace to men on earth

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is  
given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven.

No ear may hear His coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him still,  
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem Descend to us, we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in Be born to us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us, abide with us Our Lord Emmanuel

### **JOY TO THE WORLD !**

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,



**Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.**