

BETTER GOD'S WAY
ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Luke 2:1-7

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“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:15-17 (NIV)

1. _____ IS IN CONTROL

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be registered. ² This first registration took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. ³ So everyone went to be registered, each to his own town. Luke 2:1–3

² Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are small among the clans of Judah; one will come from you to be ruler over Israel for me. His origin is from antiquity, from ancient times. Micah 5:2

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5–6

2. GOD _____ WHAT HE SAYS

⁴ Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David, ⁵ to be registered along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant. Luke 2:4–5

²³ Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23

¹¹ Now we desire each of you to demonstrate the same diligence for the full assurance of your hope until the end, ¹² so that you won't become lazy but will be imitators of those who inherit the promises through faith and perseverance. Hebrews 6:11–12

3. NO MATTER THE _____

⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to give birth.

⁷ Then she gave birth to her firstborn son, and she wrapped him tightly in cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. Luke 2:6–7

²⁸ We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

⁶ Aren't five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. ⁷ Indeed, the hairs of your head are all counted. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Luke 12:6–7

⁹ If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation. Romans 10:9–10