



QA: Are People More Peaceful at Christmas? by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

QUESTION: Are people more peaceful at Christmas?

ANSWER: It certainly seems that way, and it has appeared to give moments to reflect upon God's Word. Though Jesus brought and promised "peace" only to those who obey His way.

1. **Angels announced:** "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (**Luke 2:14**). It may properly be "peace in men of goodwill." Jesus taught:

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (**John 16:33**)

Paul applied it thusly:

But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. (**Colossians 3:14-15**)

2. **General George Washington crossed the Delaware River on the evening of December 25th, 1776**, in order to surprise the British-hired German army in the midst of their holiday celebrations. He did. It turned the tide of the Revolutionary War for the Colonists.
3. Five months into **World War I, at dawn on Christmas Day, 1914**, some German soldiers left their trenches and crossed no-man's-land, calling out "Merry Christmas" in English. When the Allied soldiers realized they were unarmed, they climbed out of their trenches and shook hands with the enemy soldiers. They exchanged presents of cigarettes and plum puddings, sang carols, and even played a good-natured game of soccer.
4. **On Christmas Eve, 1968**, the first piloted spacecraft of any kind to break free from the Earth's orbit, then circle around another celestial body, was the American manned space mission, **Apollo 8**. When it orbited the Moon, the **astronauts, Bill Anders, Jim Lovell, and Frank Borman, sent out a special live Christmas Eve broadcast**, along with live images of the Earth and the Moon, accompanied with their **reading from the Book of Genesis 1:1-10**: which began: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth...[and ended with] "And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called the Seas; and God saw

that it was good." We on Earth were in awe at God's Creation, thrilled at American success, and deeply moved by their humility.

People need to obey the Prince of Peace the rest of the year!

— *jtpII, December 24, 2023*