

**Date:** December 14, 2025  
**Title:** The Peace of Christmas  
**Passage:** Luke 2:8-20

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Summary:

- I. Peace fears the Lord. (v.8-9)
- II. Peace is the Lord. (v.10-12)
- III. Peace Pleases the Lord (v. 13-14)
- IV. Peace Pleases The Soul (v.15-20)

Key Truths:

- - Peace is found in fear of God. There is no one in Christ who has not first feared the Lord. Fear is the path to peace. Fear exposes sin. We then turn to fear to God.
  - The peace that only God can give pleases God to give it.
  - Incarnation: God becomes man, which does two things: It brings glory to God. It brings peace with those whom God is pleased to abide and save.
  - How much did the shepherds know before they shared? Enough to believe. That was enough to share it. Likewise: As long as you have enough to believe in Jesus, you know enough to share it. Many need to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Share it. They need the peace of God.

Possible Discussion Questions:

- What point(s) in the sermon did the Lord most impress upon you?
- What do you fear? How may those fears indicate sin? How can you replace those humanly fears with reverent fear of God?
- What led you to believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior? How can you share that with someone else as you have enough to share the Good News with the lost?
- What next steps will you take in response to the truths you have been heard or seen?

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**Historical Background**

Roman Empire has been established for about 27 years with its Emperor Caesar Augustus. The Roman Empire has been expanding.

- taxation and method of crucifixion comes into existence with Roman rule.
- no peace was present among the Jews but oppression.

**Passage:**

### Luke 2:8-20 (LSB)

In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people. For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

And it happened that when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. And when they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. And all who heard it marveled at the things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary was treasuring all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as was told them.

## **EXPOSITION**

### **I. Peace fears the Lord. (v.8-9)**

- at its inception, peace is found in fear of God. There is no one in Christ who has not first feared the Lord.
  - without fear of God, there is no peace.
- Fear is the path to peace. Fear exposes sin. We then turn to fear to God.

Verses 8-9

*In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.*

*In the same region*

- near Bethlehem, about 6 miles from Jerusalem.

*there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night.*

- likely 2-4 shepherds (teenagers) watching over lambs that will eventually be slain on Passover.
- these were low-class people who were minding their own business watching over the flock.

*And an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them;*

- a sudden change from darkness to blinding light.

*and they were terribly frightened.*

- this points to the origins of peace with God: fear
- fear brings clear view of who God is.

## **II. Peace is the Lord. (v.10-12)**

verses 10-12

*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people*

- Angelic being arrives to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

*For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

- born for you
  - Jesus was born unto you.
  - The basis of your relationship is who Jesus is and what He has already done
    - not based upon your performance or effort to keep it. (See Ephesians 2:8-9)
  - Peace pleases God: the only peace that can occur with God is through what Christ has done.
    - This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*And this will be the sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*

- Our lives are restless unless we find God. In turn, the Bible's promise of assurance: "you will find"

- At times, we may lose sense of His presence but God can always be found. Search for Him. Be diligent in your relationship with God. He will be found.

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Hebrews 13:5b

I will never leave you nor forsake you

**III. Peace Pleases the Lord (v. 13-14)**

Peace pleases the Lord

- Misperception: it pleases God to be at peace in my life.
  - Truth: The peace that only God can give pleases God to give it.
    - It pleases God to save you.
    - God is pleased to bring about justification, sanctification, and glorification.

*And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,*

- a multitude of the heavenly host = an army of angels that was too vast to number.

*“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.”*

- The heavenly hosts bring praise and glory to God because He has provided salvation and peace through Christ.
- Incarnation: God becomes man, which does two things:
  - It brings glory to God.
  - It brings peace with those whom God is pleased to abide and save.

It pleases God to end His war with you through salvation in Christ.

Luke 15:7

I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

- In Christ, enjoy the peace you have with God.
- We were like the shepherds in darkness. God has done it all where he broke through the darkness and saved us.

- You are God's possession and glory-bound. You have peace with God on earth while you wait for His glory in the highest.

#### **IV. Peace Pleases The Soul (v.15-20)**

- Peace with God pleases your soul.

##### *Verses 15-16*

*And it happened that when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger.*

- "So they went in a hurry" = the shepherds simply went. They didn't worry about their sheep.
  - Likewise, do we worry about other things that distract us from seeking God?
- "found their way to Mary and Joseph" = they diligently searched until they found them.

##### *Verse 17-18*

*And when they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. And all who heard it marveled at the things which were told them by the shepherds.*

- Observation: How much do the shepherds know?
  - Enough to believe in the Gospel. Enough to share it.
    - They were told " *For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*"
  - Likewise: As long as you have enough to believe in Jesus, you know enough to share it.
    - Many need to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Share it! They need it!

##### *Verse 19*

*But Mary was treasuring all these things, pondering them in her heart.*

- This is the way to be right with God: peace with God ponders and treasures Christ.

##### *Verse 20*

*And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as was told them.*

- The shepherd's lives were marked with glorifying and praising God.