

New Hampton Community Church

December 4, 2022

“Peace is at the Heart of Christmas”



“The Heart of Christmas” Week 2

“When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him” Matthew 2: 10-11

Micah 5:5 **“And he (Jesus) shall be their peace.”**

John 14:27 (Jesus) **“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid”**

Romans 5:1 **“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Ephesians 2:14 **“For he himself (Jesus) is our peace,”**

❖ **Christmas Peace ; Jesus’ peace is _____**

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests Luke 2:8-14

❖ The _____ of God, is for _____

¹⁹For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²²But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation” Colossians 1:19-22

❖ **Jesus is the bridge of _____ to _____**

❖ **Peace is experienced in the _____ ;
not the _____ of _____**

**When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.
³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior”** Isaiah 43:2-3

**“Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.”**
Matthew 5:9

Questions to Ponder, talk about with Life Group, Family and Friends

- What kinds of things tend to rob peace from people’s lives?
- How is the presence of God and the presence of peace related?
- Why is Christ’s sacrifice necessary to reconcile us to God? To ourselves? To others?
- What is one practical way to live life as a peacemaker?