

Peace

Luke 2:8-14

The gift of peace

- The Angels said there is a special gift coming....I bring you good news
- not just true but it actually works
- Peace is available to the believer but it also impacts our world

When do you really value the gift of peace...when you don't have it

- **Proverbs 21:9** It is better to live in a corner of the housetop than in a house shared with a quarrelsome wife.

We need peace: society - family - within yourself

Two directions of this peace

I) Peace on earth

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace...

- weight or heavy - has the power to move things
- this beauty is greater than every other beautiful thing

- The emotions of God seen throughout Luke 15

God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven

- praying for the invasion of heaven

Peace in our world through the coming of Jesus

- no group of people on earth has created more hospitals, orphans, helping the poor

II) Peace in us

Glory to God in the highest....among those with whom he is well pleased (favor)

Hostility with God

Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility

- fundamentally we are war with God
- peace is lit the end of warfare

Peace with God - Luke 15 celebration and joy in heaven

God knew our biggest problem was sin so he sent a savior

- he didn't send a politician, an entertainer...

Drawn to glory - beauty

- the closer you get to God the more you see his character

Psalms 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.