

Luke 2:8-20

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- We are reminded of **peace on earth** in every Christmas
- Sadly, there is little **peace** on earth these days
- Not much **goodwill** between people either
- What does peace on earth really means? How can we attain it? How does that relate to Christmas?



Pain and Suffering

- The reality is this...the world is filled with **pain** and **suffering** (Rom 8:22) The worse is that often we want to be blind to it
- (2 Tim 3:1-5) This is the world that we are living in today
- How can that be? Where is the peace that God has promised and the angels has sung about?



- (Romans 1:20-22) There is a connection between the glory of God and peace on earth (the Garden of Eden)
- (Rom 5:1) **Sin** is the enemy of peace. When we are **justified**, Our peace with God is restored.
- One day there will be no sin and all will bring glory to God (Phil 2:9-11) then there will be lasting peace
- (Isa 9:6) Jesus is peace, and came to bring peace (Luke 2:10-14), and we can choose Him (John 14:27)



Peace WITH God

- That is the message of Christmas, **we can have peace with God**. The key word is “with”
- Whichever part of our lives that Jesus is Lord and that we are walking with Him, we have peace in that area (e.g. marriage, money, future plans, etc.)
- (John 14:27) He does not want us to be **afraid**
- (John 16:33) we can **rest** because He has conquered the world, and that He **cares** (1 Peter 5:7)



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Peace is a Choice

- The reverse of Romans 1:20-22 is Philippians 4:6-7 (prayer and thanksgiving)
- Col 3:15, **you can choose peace today, since you can choose Jesus today**
- (Luke 2:14) This is also the greatest commandment
- The world needs a little more peace today, and it is our turn to show goodwill to one another through Christ's love