

Simple Peace

Luke 2:8-20

Sermon Series Summary

SIMPLE - Easily understood, plain, basic, or uncomplicated in nature. Over the years Christmas has become synonymous with shopping, over indulging, competition, and stress. But according to the original Christmas story that was never God's intention. As we travel back in time to the birth of Jesus we realize that Christmas is simple and the arrival of the King of Kings brings several simple gifts that come with the arrival of the Prince of Peace. The gifts we treasure this Christmas are Simple... (1) Simple Hope, (2) Simple Love, (3) Simple Peace, and (4) Simple Joy. May you be inspired this Christmas to make this

Main Passage

Luke 2:8-20 (ESV) –⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” ¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Big Idea – Peace is Offered, Peace is Obtained Through Christ Alone

Simple Peace Proclaimed

Declaration #1 – God’s Peace Pierces the Darkness and Replaces Distress With Delight

Luke 2:8-10 (ESV) –⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Declaration #2 – God’s Peace Satisfies to those Who Hunger and Thirst for the Savior

Luke 2:11-14 (ESV) – ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Declaration #3 – God’s Peace Transforms Your Life and Compels You to Share the Good News of Great Joy With the World Around You

Luke 2:15-20 (ESV) – ¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Memory Verse

Luke 2:14 (ESV) – “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Challenge

You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your small group, (2) Participating in a Sunday School class, or (3) Study through the devotional guide found at the Welcome Center.