

Outline – December 6, 2020

Luke 2:13-16

The Gift Of Peace

Romans 5:1-8

The Desire For Peace (Tired Of The War)

- I. (The situation) many believe there is no peace in 2020**
 - A. Pandemic robbed many of peace
 - B. Political division robbed some of peace
 - C. Racial tension/cancel culture
 - D. Freedoms, speech, disagreements
 - E. Many seem to be at war
 1. With God
 2. With others
 3. With themselves
 4. With their past
- II. The season of peace (?)**
 - A. For many depression spikes
 - B. The gap between what we want or what we expect and what is real are miles apart
 - C. The uncertainty, hopelessness, the loneliness, the fear
 - D. Christmas begins with the words “fear not”
- III. The statement of ‘Peace on earth”**
 - A. Peace among those with whom He is pleased
 1. Peace with God is something we don’t talk about
 2. There is a need for peace with God
 - B. We need peace with God due to our original status (without Jesus)
 1. Sinful – (Born that way)
 2. Enemy of God – (Romans 5:10)
 3. Under the wrath of God – (John 3:36)
 - C. Fear robs us of our peace (When we are afraid) we
 1. Flight
 2. Fight
 3. Freeze (We do nothing)
- IV. The source of our peace (came that first Christmas)**
 - A. Jesus, birth, life, death, resurrection
 - B. What He did for us
 1. Change our status
 2. The moment we believe – receive our entire status changes
 - C. Our status change
 1. Under grace – not wrath
 2. Child of God – not enemy
 3. Clothed in righteousness – not sin
(Decisions, direction, drives, desires, change)
 - D. Peace with God through our Lord Jesus
 1. Peace with those with whom He is pleased
 2. Pleased when we receive the gift
- V. The symptoms of our peace**
 - A. Peace with God: Mind is at rest

1. Our status has changed
2. Our relationship has changed
3. Our future has changed
- B. Peace with God = answer the accusations
 1. Satan is an accuser of the brethren
 2. Others want to accuse you
- C. Peace with God = no longer ruled by fear
 1. No flight
 2. No fight
 3. No freeze
- D. Peace with God = my actions don't overrule my status

VI. The sadness of no peace

- A. Fear runs your life
- B. Feels there is no forgiveness
- C. Future is uncertain
- D. False peace creates counterfeit religiosity
 1. Some red flags – seclusion, vague spiritualism, no focus on Jesus

VII. The standing of God's peace

- A. Our status has changed
- B. Jesus has been born
- C. His gift is real
- D. The fight, fear, flight is over

**You Can Receive His Gift
And Receive Peace With God**