

We Are Glad *You* Are Here

Sunday, December 21, 2025



sermon: The Gift of Peace - Luke 2:8-20

Big Idea: We can have the gift of peace because born to us is the Prince of Peace.

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 - 2. The power of sacrifice (cf. Mk. 10:45).
 - 3. The power of God's peace (cf. Eph. 2:13-14).
- C. At Christmas, it helps to remember that God has given us the gift of peace through Messiah Jesus in a manner that often challenges our culture and expectations (cf. Jer. 6:14; Jn. 14:27).

II. The Peaceful Meaning of His Birth (vv. 8-20)

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- B. In the angel's announcement we see:
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 - 2. Christmas reveals God's love (cf. Jn. 3:16).
 - 3. Christmas reveals God's faithfulness (vv. 10-11; cf. Gal. 4:4-5).
- C. The true meaning of Christmas--God with us--ran counter to the culture then just as it does now. Today, people still like the baby, but struggle with the incarnation. But you can't separate the two. To embrace Christmas is to embrace Messiah Jesus, who provides salvation and peace with God to all who call on His name.

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