

Pastor Joe's
SERMON LISTENING GUIDE

THIS CHRISTMAS PEACE

Luke 2:14

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A. WHY DID JESUS COME TO EARTH?

1. To Satisfy the Prophecies.

Micah 5:2, NASB95 - ² "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."

2. To Show us the Father.

John 1:1–3, NASB95 - ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

3. To Save us from Sin.

John 1:29, NASB95 - ²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

4. To Sympathize with our Struggles.

Isaiah 53:5, NIV - ⁵ But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

5. To Secure our Hope.

John 14:2–3, 6, NKJV - ² In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were not so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also...
⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

B. BIBLICAL PEACE

STUDY SECTION – Luke 2:14, NASB95 - ¹⁴ "Glory [the highest expression of honor] to God in the highest [Heaven], And on earth [lit., dirt], peace [90x in the NT, a state of peace that is a gift, blessing, or favor from God; genitive case] among men [men or women] with whom He is pleased [GK: εὐδοκίας (*eu-doo-key-us*); the ς at the end of the word makes it genitive case; if it was in the nominative case, it would be translated "God is pleased with all men to get this peace;" but, in genitive case, the translation would correctly be "This peace is given to men with whom God is pleased." How do we get in on this peace? Answer: By trusting in God as our Messiah! This peace comes only from God]."

1. The PROMISE OF PEACE!

Luke 2:13–15, NIV84 - ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

2. The SOURCE OF PEACE!

Luke 2:14, NLT - ¹⁴ "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

Luke 2:14, TLB - ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven," they sang, "and peace on earth for all those pleasing him."

Acts 16:31, NASB95 - ³¹ They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...."

Galatians 5:22–23, NASB95 - ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

3. The SCOPE OF PEACE!

Peace with God - Romans 5:1, NASB95 - ¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ....

Peace within Ourselves - Philippians 4:6–7, NASB95 - ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Peace with Others - Matthew 5:9, NRSV - ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."