

Advent: Peace

Speaker: Missy Carfield

Date: Sunday, December 14, 2025

Scripture: Luke 12:51 (context); Colossians 1:21-22; Romans 8:7; Philippians 4:7

SUMMARY

Why is there still no "peace on earth"? Missy Carfield shows that the peace Jesus brings starts with peace with God: reconciliation through the Son.

OVERVIEW

On the third Sunday of Advent, Missy Carfield asks a pointed question: if Jesus came to bring "peace on earth," why, 2,000 years later, is there still so much conflict? Jesus Himself warned of wars and division (Luke 12), and even families can be divided over faith.

The peace Jesus came to bring is, first of all, peace with God. It ends the war our flesh wages against Him and makes every other kind of peace possible.

KEY POINTS

- *Not the peace we expect.** Inner calm and "the peace that passes understanding" are real gifts, but they are not the heart of the Christmas promise. Peace among people stays partial and relative.
- *We were at war with God.** "Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds" (Colossians 1:21), and "the mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God" (Romans 8:7). Our resistance often looks like "that's too easy" or "I'll trust God when it makes sense to me."
- *Reconciled through the Son.** Jesus laid aside His glory to make peace. Now the Son stands between us and the Father, and when the Father looks at us He sees the righteousness of Jesus.

MEMORABLE LINES

None pulled yet from the transcript.

TAKEAWAY

Stop leaving God's gift unopened in the closet. Receive and rest in the peace with God that Jesus came to give.

SOURCE

- Whisper (base.en) transcript of the Subsplash service audio
- Confidence note from audit: Medium-high
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MG4RYVlJcUY>
- Website: <https://www.baypointchurch.com/media/3xcfygc/advent-peace>