

***Peace on Earth  
The Longing of Every Human Heart  
Luke 2:13-14***

*Today I am beginning a new Sermon Series for our Christmas Season...*

*“Peace on Earth”*

*Luke 2:13–14 (ESV) — And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”*

***Peace***

*εἰρήνη - eirana*

*The word means, “a set of favorable circumstances involving peace and tranquility—‘peace, tranquility.’”*

***Tranquility*** means...

*1a : free from agitation of mind or spirit a tranquil self-assurance. b : free from disturbance or turmoil a tranquil scene*

***Shalom***

*“may you be filled with a complete and perfect peace and be full of well-being” or, “may health, prosperity, and peace of mind and spirit be upon you.” Beyond being just a*

*simple wish for peace and happiness, the word suggests a state of fullness and perfection; overflowing inner and outer joy and peaceful serenity.*

*Shalom signifies a sense of well-being and harmony both within and without - Completeness, wholeness, peace, health, welfare, safety, soundness, tranquility, prosperity, fullness, rest, harmony; the absence of agitation or discord, a state of calm without anxiety or stress.*

*With the arrival of Jesus, for the first time since our departure from the Garden of Eden, PEACE HAS COME!*

***1. The ILLUSION of MAN’S Peace!***

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*In this declaration by the host of angels they say...*

*“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace...”*

*In making this declaration the angels are alluding to the reality that the kind of peace God brings is NOT on earth!*

*Man cannot offer the kind of peace humans long for...*

*John 14:27 (ESV) — Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*

*The peace Jesus brings offers PEACE for the troubled heart!*

**The world gives a peace, but it is a DARK PEACE...**

**Throughout history, since our removal from the Garden of Eden, mankind has been seeking PEACE ... a TRANQUILITY of SOUL that our heart longs for...**

**But since that beginning, there have always been, what I call, PEACE PIRATES**

**Peace Pirates are those people, things and events that come to sabotage our PEACE...**

**Man's universal belief is, "If I could remove all these PEACE PIRATES, I could experience that illusive PEACE my heart longs for..."**

**The only problem is that we live in a fallen world where...**

- **Decay & Disease...**
- **Death & Disaster... REIGN**

**Not only that, but we are surrounded by fallen people who seem bent on sabotaging our PEACE**

**In our core lies the belief that if we could eliminate all these PEACE PIRATES and get everyone to head in the same direction we will have peace...**

**We all carry within us a longing...**

- **A longing to experience PEACE of HEART**
- **A longing to experience PEACE of MIND**
- **A longing to experience PEACE in our EMOTIONS**
- **A longing to experience PEACE PHYSICALLY**

**But these are illusive longings...**

**Only God Himself can give us what we so desperately long for...**

**1 Thessalonians 5:23–24 (ESV) — Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.**

**But fallen man believes that we can bring about the PEACE we all long for...**

**The result of this universal longing has given rise to nations and rulers throughout history attempting to rule the world in hopes of delivering this universal PEACE...**

**→ Nimrod and the Tower of Babel... (Gen 10-11)**

**→ Egypt under the Pharaohs ... (Gen & Exodus)**

**→ Babylon's world rule under Nebuchadnezzar**

**→ The Medo-Persian Empire...**

**→ Greece under Alexander the Great**

**→ Rome under the Caesars...**

**→ The Roman Catholic Church and its obsession with religious world dominance that gave rise to the DARK AGES...**

**→ Adolf Hitler and Germany's Third Reich**

**Third Reich: Meaning "third regime or empire," the Nazi designation of Germany and its regime from 1933-45. Historically, the First Reich was the medieval Holy Roman**

**Empire, which lasted until 1806. The Second Reich included the German Empire from 1871-1918.**

**→ Communist Russia under Joseph Stalin...**

**→ Islam through it's two primary forms of advancement into world dominance... (jihad or holy war/struggle and birth rate dominance)**

- **In America the birth rate is at a 40 year low (1.76)**
- **To sustain a culture the birth rate has to be at least 2.11**

**→ And now through Communist China**

**When the God of the Bible is removed from being the Source of Peace the world has no other recourse but to force peace...**

**The World's Peace can only come through force and dominance...**

**Each failed to attain the tranquility of soul our heart longs for...**

**The closest anyone has come happened in ROME...**

**In 44 BC Julius Caesar was assassinated leaving Rome to be divided into three ruling segments...**

**The rulers of these three regions were**

- **Marcus Lepidus**
- **Mark Antony**
- **Gaius Octavius**

**Soon, however, these three began fighting among themselves for overall rule of Rome**

**Marcus Lepidus was defeated quickly...**

**Mark Antony joined forces with the Pharaoh of Egypt at that time named Cleopatra**

**In 31 BC, at the Battle of Actium, Gaius Octavius defeated Mark Antony and Cleopatra...**

**In 30 BC Mark Antony and Cleopatra committed suicide**

**In 27 BC, Octavius, now ruler of the world, closed the doors on the Temple of War declaring PEACE on EARTH... or what became known as Pax Romana**

**That same year, the Senate of Rome declared a title on Octavius that, up to that time had been reserved only for the gods...**

**They called him Augustus Caesar... the man had become a god...**

**Under this man proclaimed god the world was experiencing the absence of external war, but the internal longing for peace was still illusive...**

**It was during this time, under this manmade façade of PEACE, that GOD'S TIME HAD COME...**

**Galatians 4:4 (NLT) — But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman ...**

**Luke 2:1 (ESV) — In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.**

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**NOTICE – The wording of “SUDDENLY...”**

**The birth of Jesus was SO MUCH MORE...**

- **Than a Jewish baby boy born to a young peasant couple...**

**The KING had arrived!!!**

**The Birth of Jesus was so profound that...**

- **The Universe took notice!**

**Matthew 2:2 (ESV) — “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”**

- **The Angels of Heaven erupted in glorious praise!**

**Luke 2:13–14a (ESV) — And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest ...”**

- **The Prophets of Old had foretold!**

**Isaiah 9:6 (ESV) — For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**The birth of Jesus was an invasion of the Kingdom of God against the Kingdom of darkness!**

**1 John 3:8b (ESV) — ... The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.**

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## **3. The INVITATION into TRUE Peace!**

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**We live in a world longing for PEACE...**

- **Governments can't bring PEACE...**
- **Religion can't bring PEACE...**

**Jeremiah 8:11 (NLT) — They offer superficial treatments for my people's mortal wound. They give assurances of peace when there is no peace.**

- **Living for our own satisfaction can't bring PEACE...**

**Isaiah 48:22 (ESV) — “There is no peace,” says the LORD, “for the wicked.”**

**Only Jesus can give you PEACE because He came to give you PEACE!**

**Isaiah 53:5 (ESV) — But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.**

**John 14:27 (ESV) — 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.**

**John 16:33 (ESV) — 33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”**

**He can give you peace because ...**

***Peace is not a commodity Jesus wants to give you, but an identity Jesus wants to dwell within you!***

**2 Thessalonians 3:16 (ESV) — Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.**

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#### **4. The INVOKING of POWERFUL Peace!**

**When you give your live to Jesus you enter into the realm of God’s supernatural peace!**

**As possessors of God’s PEACE we must learn to walk in His PEACE...**

**FIRST Internally...**

**Galatians 5:22 (ESV) — But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace ...**

**1 Thessalonians 5:23–24 (ESV) — Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.**

**SECOND Externally...**

**The Apostle John’s desire for God’s people...**

**3 John 2 (ESV) — Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.**

**But, as carriers of God’s PEACE we bring His PEACE with us!!!**

**Luke 10:5–6 (ESV) — Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you.**

**Those hearts longing for PEACE can experience God’s PEACE through you if you will simply release it!**

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**OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT HERE AT CROSSGATES...**

***Carrying the transforming love of Jesus to every  
longing heart!***

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