
❖SERMON NOTES❖

Sunday, December 16, 2018

“THE LIGHT OF PEACE”

(Luke 2:8-14)

In dark times and on dark days, the light of peace can be hard to find. How can we know peace that overcomes the darkness?

1. Real peace is having _____.

2. Real peace is knowing that God _____.

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4. Real peace means that no matter what happens God _____.

5. Real peace is living by _____.

“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... 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” (John 14:27; 16:33, ESV).

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1. Real peace is having a relationship with Jesus Christ.

“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... 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” (Isaiah 9:6; 53:5, ESV).

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” (Luke 2:14, ESV).

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1, ESV).

2. Real peace is knowing that God will never stop loving me.

“Though he slay me, I will hope in him” (Job 13:15, ESV).

“The Lord will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right” (Psalm 84:11, NLT).

“[Nothing...] will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:39, ESV).

3. Real peace is knowing that God will never leave me alone.

“I will not fail you or abandon you” (Joshua 1:5, NLT).

“No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you” (John 14:18, NLT).

“That’s my parting gift to you. Peace. I don’t leave you the way you’re used to being left—feeling abandoned, bereft” (John 14:27, The Message).

4. Real peace means that no matter what happens God is going to give me the strength to handle it.

“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit” (Psalm 34:18, ESV).

5. Real peace is living by God's Word, the Bible.

“Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble” (Psalm 119:165, ESV).

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