Do You Want Peace?

*Series, All I Want for Christmas*

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Luke 2:8-21

**8** And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. **9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

**13** Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

**14** “Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace to those 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.”

**16** So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. **17** When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, **18** and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. **19** But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. **20** The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

**21** On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

Theme & Goal:

Jesus not only gives us **P**  he **I** our peace.

John 14:27

**27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

1. Jesus, the **S** , is our peace. Saviour means deliverer and **P** , it is someone who delivers us from trouble and preserves us in the midst of trouble.

Isaiah 43:1-3a

**1**But now, this is what the Lord says—

he who created you, Jacob,

he who formed you, Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

**2** When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,

you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze.

**3** For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

Luke is **C** the saving power of Rome with the **S** power of Jesus.

God please calm the **S** or calm the **B .**

1. Jesus, the **M** , is our peace. Messiah (Christ) literally means “**A \_** one” and it is someone who is chosen and given a special task by God.

Deuteronomy 18:18

**18** I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him.

Isaiah 11:10

**10** In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

Jesus would be the **U** and **B** Moses and David

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

1. Jesus, the **L** , is our peace. Lord means supreme authority or **M \_** of the universe.

“If **J** is Lord than **C** is not!”

Our Lord Jesus is in **C** , but he is not a control **F** .

Daniel 2:20-21

“Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;

wisdom and power are his.

He changes times and seasons;

he deposes kings and raises up others.

He gives wisdom to the wise

and knowledge to the discerning.

Revelation 21:4

**4** ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Revelation 22:12-13

**12** “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. **13** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Do you **T** Jesus as Saviour, Messiah and Lord, or are you trusting other things to save, protect and **G** you?

“We need to rebuild our lives with a strong base. The Bible is such a base: it’s the book that takes us to our eternal life and gives us [joy]. I would like to tell people to come to Jesus with all their difficulties and struggles. It’s good to pray together when we feel weak. And we shouldn’t forget about our Bible: reading the Bible gives inner peace.”

—--------Sedar (Open Doors)

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Personal Prayer & Application:

* A Promise to Claim?
* A Sin to Confess?
* A Challenge to Accept?