

*Come Let Us Adore Him*

*Peace*



## **Christmas Series – Themes of Advent**

- Advent – simply means “coming”
- Last Week: Hope... Jesus is our hope!
  - Biblical Hope – confident expectation in the almighty God and his love evidenced in Christ, and his promises towards his children
  - We lose hope when we lose sight of who God is and what he has said



## Peace – What is it?

- Peace – we often understand peace as the absence of conflict, but this is not biblical peace
- Biblical peace = “Shalom”
  - Wholeness, sense of inner well-being, completeness
  - This is the type of peace that was announced to the shepherds by the angels when Jesus was born
  - It’s also the type of peace followers of Jesus have in Christ



## Peace – What is it?

<sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”



## **Jesus is Our Peace**

### **1. Peace Between Humans and God**

- Romans 5:1... “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.”



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- Romans 5:1 ... justified through faith
- “Justified” is our legal standing before God – we have been declared righteous through Christ's sacrifice!
- When sin entered the world, humanity's rebellion against God began
- God set in motion a plan to reconcile humanity to himself
- Jesus was God's answer to the problem
- Faith is the access point to this peace
- Jesus satisfied the legal requirements of this rebellion



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Ephesians 2:14-18... “For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.”



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  - God’s plan was to create a new people out of two through Christ removing the hostility between them
  - Gentiles did not have access to God (v.9 – no hope)
  - Jews were bound by a law that could not save them
  - All people now have access to God



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  - Colossians 3:15... Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts
  - Philippians 4:6-7... Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.  
7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



## So What?

- You can have peace with God through Christ
- You can become a new person in Christ and belong to a new people
- The peace of Christ can rule in your heart

