**Christ the peace of God – Luke 2: 12 -13**

**Focal Truth: Jesus Christ is the promised peace of God**

Today some live seeking peace - with God, or peace of mind, or emotional peace

Today some are living in peace - with God – enjoying the peace of God

Today many live without peace - in God, without peace of mind& without emotional peace

**The angels now proclaim God’s peace on earth through the birth of Christ the Lord!**

**Observations**

1. **Jesus the peace of God at his birth is praised by the angels on the earth 2: 9 – 14**
2. The angel assures the shepherds not to be afraid – 9 -10

*the angel suddenly stood before them and the glory of the Lord shone around Him*

*the angel says: don’t be afraid…*

1. The angel announces good news of great joy for all people at Christ’s birth – 10 – 11

*I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people, for today, in the*

*City of David there has been born for you a Savior who is Christ the Lord*

1. The angels of heaven praise God on the earth at Christ’s birth – 13 – 14

*Suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts praising God*

***Glory to God in the highest***

John 1:14 – *the Word became flesh & dwelt among us, & we saw His glory, glory as the only begotten of the Father, full of grace & truth*

 *When Jesus Christ was born* ***heaven came to earth to praise God who sent His Son***

 *When Jesus Christ was born* ***heavens praise of God was heard on the earth for His Son***

 *When Jesus Christ was born* ***heaven’s angels accompanied Him on earth***

1. **Jesus the peace of God at His birth brought the promise of peace to the earth 2:14**

*Glory to God in the highest& on earth peace among men*

1. Jesus is the promised **Prince of Peace**

Isa. 9: 5 – 6 – *unto us a child is born…wonderful, counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of peace*

Isa. 52:7 – *how lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation and say to Zion, You God reigns!*

1. Jesus announced the good news of peace through salvation in Him – Isa. 61:1 -2

Luke 4:18 -19 – *the Spirit of the Lord is* ***upon Me****, he has* ***anointed M****e to preach the gospel to the poor****, He has sent Me*** *to proclaim release to the captives,& recovery of sight to the blind, to set fee those who are oppressed, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord*

1. Jesus is the promise of peace on earth where there is no peace on the earth

He promises peace **in a world without peace**

He promises peace **in a world of suffering**

He promises peace **in a world at war with God**

He promises peace **in a world at war with each other**

He promises peace **in a world filled with hate**

He promises peace **in a world of anxiety & worry**

He promises peace **in a world of fear**

 *Those without Christ do not know the path of peace through Jesus Christ*

 Rom. 3:17 – *the path of peace they have not known*

 *The peaceless will have no lasting peace on earth apart from Jesus Christ*

 *The promise of the angels assures of peace on a peaceless earth!*

 ***Today, in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord***

1. **Jesus the peace of God at His birth gives peace to those who please God on earth 2:14**

*On earth peace among men with whom He is pleased*

**How do we find peace on the earth? When you come to Jesus the peace of God**

1. **God is pleased** when we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ

Rom. 5:1 – *we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*

1. Jesus Christ **promised peace** to those who believe in Him

Mark 5:34 – *daughter your faith has made you well, go in peace*

1. Jesus **gives peace** on earth to believers **through the Holy Spirit**

Gal. 5 – *the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace…*

1. Jesus **gives continuing peace** to believers in a world of troubles

John 16:33 – *I have spoken these things to you, so that in Me you may have peace, in the world you have tribulation, but take courage, I have overcome the world*

1. Jesus’ peace controls & stops troubled minds & emotions

Col. 3:15 - *let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts…*

**Things to Remember & Do**

**To those without peace** – you will never know peace unless you believe in the Jesus Christ the peace of God

Jesus said, come to Me & I will give you rest!

 **To those living in peace** – continue to follow Jesus & live in the Holy Spirit – 1 Th. 5:23

*May the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely & may your spirit & soul & body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**To those searching for peace** – your desire for peace is pointing you to trust in Jesus the giver of peace.

Jesus said, Peace I leave with you My peace I give to you…let not your heart be troubled

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased*

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**