



“Christmas Peace”

Luke 2:8-14 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction - *The angel’s announcement to the shepherds reveals the most important elements of the Christmas message of the Gospel.*

I. Behold the Gospel Message of Christmas.

- A. Beholding the message sent by the angels would not only relieve the shepherd’s fear, but would result in great joy and peace from God.
- B. The Gospel message of Christmas has three important parts.
 - 1. Jesus is a born Savior.
 - 2. Jesus is Christ, the LORD (YHWH).
 - 3. As LORD, Jesus is worthy to receive Glory.
- C. Our fear can be washed away when we behold and believe in Jesus.
- D. Jesus lived out standards of God’s perfection, which we receive in Jesus.

II. Experience the Peace of Christmas.

- A. Behold: (first part) *A Savior has been born for us. . . .* (second part) *Who is Christ the LORD.*

Song: *“Glory to God in the highest and peace to men He delights in.”*

- B. In their song, the angels reveal that experiencing the peace of God is linked to giving glory to God.
- C. What the word “glory” means.
 - 1. Hebrew (cavod): God is greater than anything.
 - 2. Greek (doxa): God is more radiant than anything.
 - 3. The “glory of God” is His immeasurable weight and significance.
- C. To give glory to God is not a promise to be perfect, it is a commitment to:
- D. The joy and peace of the Gospel is found in embracing the three parts of the angel’s message.
 - 1. Jesus is –
 - 2. Jesus is -
 - 3. Jesus is -