

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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WHAT ARE YOU GETTING FOR CHRISTMAS?

THE PEACE OF CHRISTMAS

I. Luke 2:8-14

A. The announcement of the Savior

1. Awesome in its nature
2. At its core a message of peace and joy

B. The message of Christmas is hope, peace, joy and love

II. Peace defined - We need to get this straight

A. Webster's

1. 7 different definitions and they all speak of the absence of something
2. Absence of war, civil unrest, disagreement or quarrels, mental conflict
3. These are good but they don't capture the Biblical idea of peace

B. The Hebrew idea

1. The Greek idea of peace is similar to Webster's
2. New Testament was written in Greek it was written by Hebrews
3. Shalom - peace, health, prosperity, favor, rest and safety - to be well

III. Peace with God - Romans 5:1

A. Peace with God comes through justification i.e. being made righteous

B. This process is called reconciliation

1. Reconciliation is two people whose backs are turned toward each other turning to face each other
2. We needed to be reconciled because we were the enemies of God

Romans 5:10

C. There has been a peace treaty established between you and God

1. Its official name is covenant
2. In a peace treaty conflict is gone but at great loss to those who surrender

IV. Peace of God

A. Philippians 4:7

1. This is experiencing God's peace the way He does
2. Peace spoken of in militaristic terms - Garrison and mount guard
3. God's peace is never obtained through compromise
4. Peace with God is an accomplished fact; peace of God is day by day
5. What are the militant actions we can take to live in God's peace?

B. Peace through prayer - Philippians 4:6-7

C. Peace through God's word - John 16:33

D. Peace through meditation - Isaiah 26:1-3

E. Lead by peace - Isaiah 55:11-12