

Sequim Community Church
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Third Sunday in Advent – December 13, 2020
PEACE OUT!
Luke 2:8-20

INTRODUCTION:

A. ***"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."*** - Luke 2:14

B. Negative emotions of Christmas anxiety, stress, fear and depression.

I. JESUS BRINGS HEAVENLY PEACE.

A. We were created with an inner desire to be in relationship with God our Creator.

B. Christmas declares 3 truths about God's desire for us:

1. God has been working on this.

"The Savior — yes, the Messiah, the Lord — has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David." - Luke 2:11

"For God, who said, 'Let there be light in the darkness,' has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ." - 2 Corinthians 4:6

2. God has been desiring this.

"The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them." - Luke 2:20

• We can only choose God because He choose us.

"This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins." - I John 4:10

3. God has been communicating His love for us.

"I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people." - Luke 2:10

II. GOD'S PEACE RECONNECTS US WITH OTHERS.

A. Christmas points a flood light onto our disconnected human relationships.

"I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people." - Luke 2:10

B. ***Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.*** - Romans 12:18

C. Being a peace maker:

1. Pray and get our own hearts right (Ephesians 4:31-32).

• Extend forgiveness to them even before you go to them (Colossians 3:13).

2. Identify the real source of the conflict from our side (Job 16:3).

• Ask for and listen to the other person's side (feelings).

• Resist the temptation to sin in our anger (Ephesians 4:26-27).

3. Aim at reconciliation.

• We might have to agree-to-disagree.

CONCLUSION: