

SERMON OUTLINE

(Pastor Jemie – Dec. 15, 2024)

TOPIC: Peace With God (A restored/reconciled relationship with God)

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:18-21

“The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity – hope of a pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory – b/c at the Father’s will Jesus became poor, and was born in a stable so that 30yrs. later He might hang on a cross.” (J.I. Packer)

The Christmas story is _____ news b/c _____ came to _____ what _____ has broken.
(1Pt.3:18,Rms.5:8,2Cor.5:18,Is.53:5)

“The birth of Christ is the central event in the history of the earth – the very thing the whole story is about.” (C.S. Lewis)

God’s _____ don’t just _____ us, but they are ultimately for the _____ of _____ people.
(John 3:16,1Tim.2:3-4)

Main Point: _____ Peace with God comes _____ through _____ in _____.

If you want to get right with God, it can only happen through Jesus (Acts 4:12, John 3:16-17&8:12)

At Christmas we are reminded that God didn’t leave us in our sin, but lovingly sent Jesus whose name assures us that peace with God is possible to all who believe... **“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus...” (v.21a)**

“The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God.” (C.S. Lewis)

- Why do we need peace w/ God? B/c sin _____ our _____ (Is.59:2,1Jn.2:2,2Cor.5:19)
- Peace with God isn’t something we _____ but it’s _____ we _____.
(Jn. 1:12,1Pt.3:18,Jn.3:16)

Jesus not only _____ peace with God, but He _____ it! (Eph.2:14a,Is.9:6)

“The birth of Jesus made possible not just a new way of understanding life, but a new way of living it.” (Frederick Buechner)

At Christmas we are reminded God has provided a new way to live by removing the penalty & power of sin in our life thru Jesus... **“b/c he will save His people from their sins.” (v.21b)**

- Salvation is not just about _____ the slate clean; it’s about _____ lives so that sin no longer _____. (Ez.36:27,Heb.10:10&14,2Cor.3:18)

“Salvation is not just a transaction where sins are forgiven; it’s a transformation where lives are made holy.” (John Piper)

- Jesus came not just to _____ our sins, but to _____ us with His _____.
(2Cor.3:17, Titus2:11-12,Rms.6:7)

“The Christian life is not a modified old life, but a completely new life lived in the power of God.” (Billy Graham)