

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOW SHIP

Peace In Our Time

- I. We Come in Glorious Peace (Luke 2:13-14)
 - A. To God be the Glory in the Highest
 1. Glory is achievement, power, completeness
 2. God is the pinnacle of perfection
 3. In the highest is where God fully displays His glory.
 4. It's where He is, but it's also where He chooses to be.
 - B. Peace on Earth
 1. Peace is the desire and mandate for the Earth
 2. The construction of vs 14b is for us to choose goodwill and peace
 - C. This wasn't the first time peace announced (Isa 9:6-7)
 1. The birth/start of something wonderful
 2. Government, control, justice...forever
 3. But it's not a man based kingdom
- II. The Cost of Peace
 - A. Peace isn't about passivity. Christ came with a purpose
 1. Peace can be forgiveness of things deserving punishment (Luke 23:34)
 2. Peace does not ignore justice (Heb 10:11-18)
 - B. Peace is about restoring relationships to what they should be
 1. Jesus came to physically show us what a Man of peace looks like
 2. He countered the pharisees and had compassion for the people (Matt 23:37-39)
 - C. Peace isn't about taking sides (1 Cor 1:10-13)
 1. Jesus is not divided
 2. We should be against things, but it's about Who we are following not who we are discarding.
 3. Peace should become who you are
- III. Jesus has given us all we need for peace
 - A. Unworldly Peace (John 14:27)
 1. Alternate title was "Peace in a World That Lets You Down"
 - a. False hope crushes the spirit
 - b. Real hope doesn't disappoint (Romans 5:1--5)
 2. Don't be troubled and don't take things into your own hands.
 - a. God has set our path before us (John 20:19-22)
 - b. Our trouble comes from our own desires (James 4:1-6)
 - B. Islands of peace not a wall of protection
 1. The world is a chaotic sea of broken people
 2. We are in the world to save the lost from that raging sea
 3. Be the peace on earth that the lost can flee too