

December 5, 2021

**Speaker:** Pastor Tim McCardel

**Christmas Series:** ReDiscover Christmas: Good News In Troubling Times

**Today's Message:** Finding Peace In Our Struggles

Readings:

Philippians 4: 6, 7

Luke 2: 10-14; 1 Peter 3:15, 16

Isaiah 9:6 *"For a child is born to us... And He will be called... Prince of Peace."*

**Last Week:** "Advent" - "coming" or "arrival" - expectation, waiting, anticipation, longing

**Our Focus:** God represented in Jesus' coming: HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE

⇒ Finding Peace In Our Struggles

## 1. The Shepherds—Peace Restored

Luke 2:8-20

### Insights Into God's Peace:

1) Peace comes in the midst of our storms

Isaiah 26:3, 4

2) Peace defies our circumstances

Philippians 4:4-7

• "That's easy for you to say", "It sounds nice, but you don't know how much it hurts."

**TRUTH:** God's peace often doesn't make sense but: It is Real. And it is Healing.

3) Peace is a Person

Ephesians 2:14 *"For He Himself is our peace."*

Isaiah 9:6 *"... Prince of Peace."*

John 14:27

**Jehovah Shalom** - "I am the God of Peace"

## 2. Choices To Make

1) Accept What Cannot Be Changed

**What Doesn't Work:** Worrying... Getting Resentful or Bitter... Focusing on my Guilt about the past.

Matthew 11:28-30

2) Trust In God's Loving Care

Philippians 4:8, 9

3) Surrender To God's Loving Control

Romans 8:6

Romans 5:1

2 Thessalonians 3:16 *"Now may the God of peace Himself give you His peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all."*