***Series: Redeeming Christmas***

***Today: Give Peace a Chance***

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***Isaiah 9:6***

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,* ***Prince of Peace****.*

***Luke 2:14***

*Glory to God in the highest, and* ***on earth peace to men*** *on whom his favor rests”*

***John 14:27***

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

Peace is the settled conviction that we have entrusted all things into God’s hands and, therefore, we can live free of guilt, anxiety and fear.

1. **We Can Have Peace With God.**

***Romans 5:1-2***

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, [2] through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.*

***Colossians 1:19-20***

***19****For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Jesus,* ***20****and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

1. **We Can Have The Peace Of God.**

***Philippians 4:6-7***

*6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

* We are not meant to face anxiety alone.
* It’s OK to ask questions.
* The Lord does not abandon us in our anxiety.

***Psalm 94:18-19***

*When I said, ‘My foot is slipping, your love, O LORD, supported me. When my anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul.*

1. **We Can Be Peacemakers.**

***Matthew 5:9***

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

***Colossians 3:15***

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.*