**The Promise: Our Savior Has Come Series December 5, 2021**

**Peace on Earth: Luke 2:1-20**

Peace (Shalom)

* Completeness, soundness, welfare
  + Peace with **God**
  + Peace with o**thers**
  + Peace within **yourself**

Angel of the Lord Appears to Shepherds

* “In the same region” is the hills surrounding the town of Christ’s birth in Bethlehem
* The glory of the Lord surrounded the angel to demonstrate the power and presence of God’s messenger to the shepherds

“Good News of Great Joy”

* God’s peace, through the Christ child, is for all people, **of all ages**
  + Not dependent on **race or ethnicity**
  + Not dependent on **gender**
  + Not dependent on **wealth, status, or power**
  + Not dependent on **religion**

Christ Has Been Born

* He is the Lord
  + Expresses His **humanity as a child**
  + Expresses His **deity as God**
  + The child is God who has come to us and has become one of us
* He is the Savior who will be provide **forgiveness of sins** and eternal salvation according to God’s promises
  + Matthew 1:21   
    She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus,   
    for He will save His people from their sins.
* God’s peace, through His Son, is **greater than** any struggle we face
  + Depression, anxiety
  + Financial distress
  + Work problems
  + Family matters

Worship of God Results from Knowing Christ

* With open hearts, the shepherds sought out Christ and when they found Him, they worshipped God for the privilege that they had
* The “Good News” that the angel proclaimed is the Gospel of Jesus Christ
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