



## AN INVASION TO BRING LASTING PEACE

### The Shepherds, Luke 2

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Sermon based on the "Away in a Manger" Series by the Skit Guys

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**Luke 2:8-20** ESV

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1 John 3:7-8

Luke 1:76-79

Ephesians 2:13-17

Matthew 5:9

### **Invitation:**

Have you received the peace of God?

Have you ever invited the Prince of Peace to indwell your soul?

Are you striving to be a peacemaker in your world?



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And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

***Luke 2:8-9***

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

***Luke 2:10-11***

And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

***Luke 2:12-13***

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

*Luke 2:14*



And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

***Luke 2:16-18***

But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

***Luke 2:19-20***

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were amazed.**

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Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.”

*1 John 3:7-8*

“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God,

*Luke 1:76-78*

whereby the sunrise shall visit us  
from on high to give light to those  
who sit in darkness and in the  
shadow of death, to guide our feet  
into the way of peace.”

*Luke 1:79*

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

*Ephesians 2:13*



For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two,

*Ephesians 2:14-15*

so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.”

*Ephesians 2:16-17*

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God,”

*Matthew 5:9*