3rd Sunday of Advent

Promise & Patience

Today's Message

"The Promise of Peace"

Philippians 4:4-7

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Luke 2:14

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem that eventually became the song "I heard the Bell's on Christmas Day"

"I heard the bells on Christmas day, their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet the words repeat, Of peace on earth, good will to men!"

"And in despair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong, and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men!"

Where is the hope, joy, love, and peace?

The promise of peace is not absent, we just have to know where to find it.

“Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!”
- Verse 4

“…The Lord is near!”
- verse 5

The peace of Jesus can be realized in our lives despite world or personal circumstances!

"Peace is not the absence of trouble. Peace is the presence of God."

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
- Verse 6

“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
- Verse 7 (NIV)

“Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel.”
- verse 7 (CEV)

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day, their old familiar carols play, then pealed the bells more loud and deep, God is not dead, nor doth he sleep, The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, With peace on earth, good will to men.“

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

“God’s peace is different from the world’s peace. True peace is not found in positive thinking, in absence of conflict, or in good feelings. It comes from knowing that God is in control. Our citizenship in Christ’s kingdom is sure, our destiny is set, and we can have victory over sin. Let God’s peace guard your heart against anxiety.”

- NIV Life Application Bible

TRULY SEEK THE
PEACE OF CHRIST
THE MESSIAH...

AND YOU WILL FIND IT!