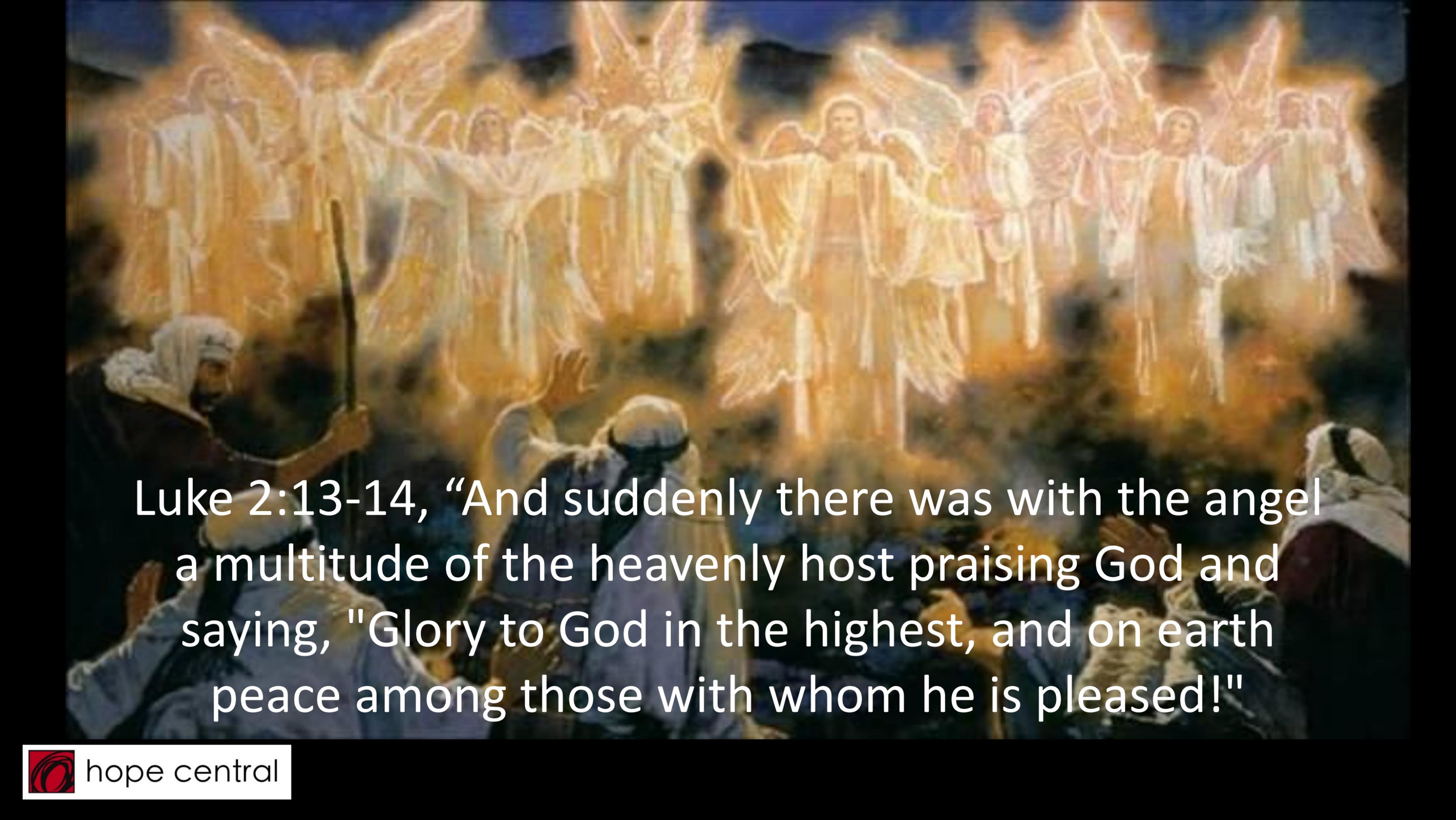


Christmas: the Gift of beginning
Jesus brings Justice, Wisdom and Peace

Today: The End of Uncertainty



Luke 2:13-14, "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"



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What do you mean- Peace?



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WHY DIDN'T THE LIFEGUARD SAVE THE HIPPIE?

BECAUSE HE WAS TOO FAR OUT, MAN!

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C'mon, ev'rybody's talking about it
Ministers, sinisters, banisters and canisters
Bishops and Fishops and Rabbis and Popeyes
and bye-bye, bye-byes

All we are saying is give peace a chance
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Few people are anti-peace,
So why is it so hard?

5 Easy ways to create world peace

By Mona Shah Joshi

- 1) Find Inner Peace
- 2) Perform Acts of Kindness
- 3) Create Work-Life Balance
- 4) Eliminate Prejudice
- 5) Resolve to Be Happy

-Huffington Post

Steps to peace...

Take out your diary, a notebook, or a journal. ...

Live in the moment. ...

Be thankful for everything you have. ...

Radiate a caring attitude. ...

Help others see that letting go is healthy. ...

Offer a helping hand. ...

Spend time with people you love. ...

Practice the joy of giving to others...

Isaiah: We need a Savior because people don't know peace, nor the way of peace.

Isaiah 59:8, "The way of peace they do not know, and there is no justice in their paths; they have made their roads crooked; no one who treads on them knows peace.

What drives us to peace-less-ness?

James 3:14-16, “But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.”

What makes Peace-Makers?

James 3:17-18, “But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”

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How do we have peace?

- When we are free from worry
- When we feel no need to fight for our own needs

The amazing solution: Jesus' death brings us peace.

Isaiah 53:5, "But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed."

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Jesus' death brings us peace... with God

Romans 5:1-2, "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

Ephesians 2:13-14, “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.”

The dividing wall of hostility:

Ephesians 2:15-16, “by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.”

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Isaiah 48:18-22, “Oh that you *had paid attention to my commandments! Then your peace* would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea; your offspring would have been like the sand, and your descendants like its grains; their name would never be cut off or destroyed from before me.” “There is no peace,” says the LORD, “for the wicked.”

Isaiah 32:17, “And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.”

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Romans 1:16-17, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Righteousness through faith in Christ makes us Gods
own.

Ephesians 2:17-19, “And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.”

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Matthew 6:31-32, “Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.”

Philippians 4:5-7, “The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”