

# ADVENT 2021



## HUB GROUP NOTES | DECEMBER 5, 2021 David Anderson

### Read Luke 2:8-14

#### 1) The angels announce in Luke 2 that Jesus brings “peace on earth.”

#### Is it political/international peace?

Jesus' first coming was not to eliminate war. In Luke 21, Jesus previews all the political/international unrest before His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming (if we haven't been raptured yet), “And when you hear of wars, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once...Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.” Jesus doesn't expect a political/international peace at this time.

But in the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming, Jesus will bring international peace. He will come on the clouds with great power and great glory, accompanied by his angels. He will sit upon His glorious throne and judge all the nations.

There will be a day where every knee will bow, every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Jesus will assume his rightful place as King of kings and Lord of Lords. On that day, Isaiah and Micah say the swords will be turned into plowshares and the spears into pruning hooks because there will be no more war. On that day, there will be political and international peace.

The angel's announcement of “peace on earth” isn't referring to international peace - at least not yet.

#### Is it peaceful tranquility or psychological peace?

Is it Jesus and I in the Zen garden, detached from every care in the world?

In Luke 12, Jesus asks, “Do you think I have come to give peace on earth?” Jesus said I've come to divide.

In Luke 14 Jesus says, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross & come after me cannot be my disciple.”

Jesus has come to take his rightful place and the absolute priority of your life. He hasn't come to be assimilated into the rest of your life and priorities. He has come to be the absolute center of your life, thoughts & activities. Every moment He isn't is torture.

**Read Luke 1:76-79**

**2) According to these verses, what will guide Israel to the way of peace?**

**Read Colossians 1:19-22**

**3) Why do we have to understand we are at war before we experience God's peace?**

Christ came to reconcile us and make peace. To present us holy and blameless and free from accusation.

How is that possible?

Jesus was punished in our place. He received our punishment; we received His righteousness. Jesus lived the life we should have lived and He died the death we should have died. The "peace on earth" that the angels proclaimed to those shepherds 2000 years ago was the peace that only the Son of God could accomplish, where the wrath & hostility of God were experienced by Christ on the cross for my sake.

**4) Rehearsing the Gospel is rehearsing that the war between God and me is over. Where in your life do you find it difficult to trust the peace that Christ secured?**

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2021 BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER REQUESTS:

Father, pour out your Spirit on us and move us forward together.

Father, please retire the Worship Center mortgage by 2025.

Father, please use us to build a reproducing church among an unreached people - the Nyamwezi - by 2030.