

December 6, 2015

TURNING CHRISTMAS UPSIDE DOWN "PRACTICE PEACE"

Text: Luke 2:8-20

Verse 10 -- And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Verse 11-- For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord...

Verse 13 -- And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Verse 14 -- Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

This is not just the Christmas message. This is the _____, period. This is why Jesus came.

This is what life is about. These are the good tidings of great joy: That Jesus came to all people to bring peace and good will to all people, and once we've experienced it, he wants us to pass it on. This is how we _____ God.

Christmas changes everything.

1. Jesus came for _____ people.

God wants us to love our enemies because he loves our enemies — just as much as he loves us.

2. Jesus came for the _____ of peace

God's ideal is that we live together in peace and goodwill with one another. Ref: Rom. 14:19, 1st Cor. 14:33

Our God is not a God of conflict, or a God of confrontation, or a God of war. He wants his people — all people — to live together in peace. That's why Jesus came. Ref: Colossians 3:15

God has called us to peace. When we dedicate our lives to turmoil and conflict, we miss out on his calling.

3. Let's glorify God by being _____ peace with one another.

We glorify God when we live together in peace. Ref: Psalm 133:1

Instead of making conflict you're go-to reaction in every situation, try the path of peace first.

In every area of your life, you can be the agent of peace.

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. (Romans 12:18)