# **Christmas is: Finding Peace – Jesus the Prince of Peace**

Welcome to Pearl Family Church

At Pearl Family Church we are here to help you grow into everything God has created you to be as you discover that you are the pearl of great worth.

Matt. 13:45-46 (WNT) the Kingdom of the Heavens is like a jewel merchant who is in quest of choice pearls. He finds one most costly pearl; he goes away; and though it costs all he has, he buys it.

**Gal. 3:13-15** (NLV) <u>Christ bought us with His blood and made us free</u> from the Law. In that way, the Law could not punish us. Christ did this by carrying the load and by being punished instead of us. It is written, "Anyone who hangs on a cross is hated and punished." Because of the price Christ Jesus paid, the good things that came to Abraham might come to the people who are not Jews. And by putting our trust in Christ, we receive the Holy Spirit He has promised.

**Ps. 16:11** Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

**1 Pet. 2:9** But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

# <u>Songs</u>

Hark - Performed by Life.Church Worship 2017, Stephen Cole

- <u>Hark</u> the herald angels sing
- <u>Glory</u> to the newborn King!
- Peace on earth and mercy mild
- God and sinners reconciled
- Hail the heav'n-born <u>Prince of Peace</u>!
- Hail the Son of Righteousness!
- <u>Light and life</u> to all He brings
- Ris'n with <u>healing</u> in His wings
- Mild He lays <u>His glory</u> by
- Born that man no more may die

# WE LIFT YOU HIGH - Performed by Life.Church Worship 2014

- Our peace within
- We bring our gifts
- Worthy Worthy
- Holy Holy

# Now it's time to worship with our giving.

Lev. 27:30 (NIV) A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.

# Proverbs 11:25-28 (The Bible by Jesus - Elmer Towns)

I bless the generous soul;

And those who add value to others will have value added to them.

People bless those who provide for them,

But curse those who will not sell them food.

Those who diligently seek good will find it,

And those who seek evil be found by it;

Because what goes around, comes back around.

Those who think their money will get them ahead

Will always fall behind.

Those who always do the right thing

Will flourish like a fruitful farm.

Deut. 28 - blessing and curses

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Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

Matt. 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Matt. 1:19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

Matt. 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

**Matt. 1:21** And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Matt. 1:22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Matt. 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

**Is. 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Matt. 1:24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

Matt. 1:25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

Luke 2:8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Luke 2:9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

Luke 2:10 And the <u>angel said unto them</u>, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to <u>all people</u>.

Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:12 And this *shall be* a <u>sign unto you</u>; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling <u>clothes</u>, lying in a manger.

Luke 2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Luke 2:14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

**James 1:17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

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Luke 2:15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

**Luke 2:16** And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and <u>the babe lying in a</u> manger.

Luke 2:17 And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

### **Choose**

Josh. 24:15 And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, <u>choose this day whom you will</u> <u>serve</u>, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. <u>But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD</u>."

### Jesus the servant washed dirty feet

**John 13:3-15** Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

### Jesus emptied Himself and left His comfort zone for us

**Phil. 2:5-11 ESV** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in <u>Christ Jesus</u>, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but <u>emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of <u>death, even death on a cross</u>. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.</u>

### A bond-servant / slave

**Exod. 21:1-5** Now these *are* the judgments which thou shalt set before them. If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him. If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself. And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free:

**Eph. 6:5-8 ESV** Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.

### Jesus intercedes for us

**Rom. 8:34-35** Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* <u>Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again,</u> who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**Matt. 25:21** His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

**Luke 2:18** And all they that heard *it* wondered at those <u>things which were told them by the shepherds.</u>

John 21:25 Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Luke 2:19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart. Luke 2:20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Matt. 1:25 And *Joseph* knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

Luke 2:21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

**Luke 2:22** And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present *him* to the Lord;

Luke 2:23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)

**Luke 2:24** And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

**Gen. 17:9-12** And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. This *is* my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which *is* not of thy seed.

- Luke 2:25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name *was* Simeon; and the same man *was* just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.
- Luke 2:26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
- Luke 2:27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,
- Luke 2:28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,
- Luke 2:29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:
- Luke 2:30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
- Luke 2:31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
- Luke 2:32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

#### Jesus the Light of the World

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

- Luke 2:33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.
- Luke 2:34 And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this *child* is set
- for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;
- Luke 2:35 (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

#### Something Glorious - something miraculous - something majestic is happening here!

Luke 1:55 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

- Luke 2:36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;
- Luke 2:37 And she *was* a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day.
- Luke 2:38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.
- Luke 2:39 And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

### **Guest speaker - The Glorious Jesus**

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- Glorious
- Glorious
- Glory this is God with us
- Shepherds bowing in the moonlight

# The Shepherds were bowing down to something

- Luke 2:14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
- Luke 2:14 (ISV) "<u>Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to people who</u> <u>enjoy his favor!</u>"
- Luke 2:14 (ESV) "<u>Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with</u> whom he is pleased!"

**Rom. 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

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- Shepherds bowing in the moonlight
- Angels dancing in the night sky
- Can you believe it?
- Can you believe it?
- <u>He is the Miracle of a love to set the people free</u>
- He is Glorious
- Glory this is God with us
- A wonder like we've never seen
- Greatest Gift to you and me

**Is. 9:6** For unto us a child is born, <u>unto us</u> a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

# God The Father gave us His Son Jesus!

**John 3:15-17** that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."<u>For God so loved the world</u>, <u>that he gave his only Son</u>, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

### Jesus is King and glorious! We were created to worship our Creator Jesus

**Col. 1:13-20 ESV <u>He has</u>** delivered us from the domain of darkness and <u>transferred us to the</u> <u>kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins</u>. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <u>For by him all things were created</u>, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities -<u>all things were created through him and for him.</u> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and <u>through him to reconcile to himself all things</u>, whether on earth or in heaven, <u>making peace by the blood of his cross.</u>

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- Luke 2:12 And this *shall be* <u>a sign unto you</u>; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
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# **<u>C. S. Lewis</u> – "The argument can be formulated as follows:**

- 1. If Jesus were not Lord, he would be a liar or a lunatic.
- 2. Jesus was neither a liar nor a lunatic.
- 3. Therefore, Jesus is Lord."

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. <u>He would either be a lunatic - on the level with the</u> <u>man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your</u> <u>choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else</u> a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any *patronizing* nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. Now it seems to me obvious that He was neither a lunatic nor a fiend: and consequently, however strange or terrifying or unlikely it may seem, I have to accept the view that He was and is God." (*Mere Christianity*, 55-56)

https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/is-c-s-lewiss-liar-lord-or-lunatic-argument-unsound/

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Mark 10:44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

- Mark 10:46 And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.
- Mark 10:47 <u>And when he heard that it was Jesus</u> of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, *thou* Son of David, have mercy on me.

### Do you need a miracle?

- Mark 10:48 And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy on me.
- Mark 10:49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.

### Jesus does not reject those who humbly come to Him

### Bartimaeus knew of his need and went to get his miracle from Jesus

Mark 10:50 And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.

- Mark 10:51 And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.
- Mark 10:52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

### Are you thankful for Jesus?

### The Master Jesus says Come...

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Acts 17:11-12 ESV Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. <u>Many</u> of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men.

#### God blesses His children

**Deut. 28:2 ESV** And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Rom 10:9-10** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**Eph. 2:8-9** for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory.

**Rom. 5:8** (**NKJV**) But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**2** Cor. **5:17-19 ESV** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

**Luke 15:10** Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

<u>This is your moment</u>. Pray where you here it with your own ears and the whole church will pray along together with you...

"HEAVENLY FATHER, I COME TO YOU IN JESUS NAME. AND I BELIEVE WITH ALL MY HEART THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD. HE DIED ON A CROSS TO BEAR MY SIN STAIN. AND I NOW OPEN THE DOOR OF MY HEART. I OPEN THE DOOR OF MY LIFE AND JESUS I INVITE YOU IN. I RECIEVE YOU NOW JESUS TO BE MY SAVIOR AND TO BE MY LORD. THANK YOU FOR COMING. I'M NOW A CHILD OF GOD. AND MY SIN IS WASHED AWAY AND I'M HEAVEN BOUND. AND JESUS IS MY LORD, IN JESUS NAME, AMEN."

# IF YOU HAVE PRAYED WITH ME, JESUS HAS COME INTO YOUR LIFE AND HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU OR FORSAKE YOU. FIND A GOOD CHURCH TO HEAR GOD'S WORD AND TO GROW SPIRITUALLY.

#### If you are serious about receiving Jesus - tap the raise hand tab.

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**Rom. 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

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- When Love Came Down Point of Grace -

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• Unto Us A Child Is Born - Point of Grace -

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