

FINDING PEACE

Today I want to talk to you about peace on earth good will towards men. Where is the truth of peace on earth good will toward men?

Q. Why doesn't God intervene?

The first thing I want you to know is

HE ALREADY DID!

Luke 2:11-14 – For there is born to you this day in the city of David **a Savior**, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (NKJV)

TCC- When people ask why God doesn't intervene?... **He already did...** He came by His own free will and purchased our peace on the cross.... That's why we celebrate His birth

John 14:27 – **Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives...** (NIV)

(NLT) – "I am leaving you with a gift—**peace of mind and heart.**"

So what about the promised peace on earth? If this is so great... where is it?

The answer to peace on earth is found in...

PERSPECTIVE

God's perspective is very different from the world's... His perspective is **good will toward men**

The peace Of Christmas declares- The war/conflict between heaven and earth is over

TCC- God wants you to know the war is long over... God is not at war with us ... He is at war for us... God is fighting for you!!

Next thing I want you to know about this message of peace is

GOD IS NOT MAD AT YOU!!

God sent his good will peace offering into the earth with His son Jesus.

Galatians 4:4 ... God sent forth His Son, **born of a woman**,... to redeem us (NIV)

Isaiah 43:25I am He who blots out your sins ... and remembers them no more.... (NIV)

TCC -That's lasting peace... that's peace of mind for God and man... it can't be found anywhere else in the entire universe

The last thing about this message of peace is

IT'S PERSONAL

Christmas really is the greatest... we don't visualize world peace... **We find Jesus through His peace**