

“SALVATION IS HERE!”

Series: “THEN SINGS MY SOUL,” Part 4 of 4

Saturday, December 24, 2022 at 2:00, 3:30, & 5:00 PM

Christmas Eve

Text: Luke 2:8-14

Big Idea: Christmas is all about a rescue mission where people are saved by His grace, and God is glorified in the process.

Luke 2:8-14, And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

I. IT’S AN INNER REALITY.

John 14:27, “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

II. ITS GREATEST EXPRESSION IS NOT YET HERE.

Isaiah 2:4, “He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.”

III. IT IS CONTINGENT ON OTHER FACTORS

Psalms 85:10, “Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.”

Isaiah 32:17, “The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever.”

Isaiah 48:18, "If only you had paid attention to my commands your peace would have been like a river, your righteousness like the waves of the sea."