

"PEACE WITH GOD"

Series: "GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING", Part 1 of 4 Sunday, December 8, 2024, at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Texts: Romans 5:1; Luke 2:13-14; John 14:27; Phil. 4:6-7

Big Idea: Although we are alienated from God our Creator, Christ has made a way for us to be reconciled and at peace with God through faith in Jesus and His atoning death and resurrection.

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Jeff Crosby, President of the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association says, "People are experiencing anxiety themselves, or they're worried for their children and grandchildren. It's related to artificial intelligence, election cycles ... and all of that feeds a desire for assurance that we're going to be OK."

Cely Vasquez says, "I felt something was missing. It's a combination of where we are in the world, general anxiety, and the sense that meaning and comfort can be found in the Bible."

I. THERE IS A GOD WHO IS PERFECT.

Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

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II. WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM! WE'RE NOT!

III. OUR PROBLEM CARRIES WITH IT A PENALTY.

Romans 6:23a, "For the wages of sin is death."

IV. GOD SOLVED OUR PROBLEM THROUGH THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST.

Romans 5:6, "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly."

Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

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