#### "Stations of the Nativity"

Station #7 –Shepherds & Angels

## "THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME"

Message #4 of 7

# "GOD'S GLORY & OUR PEACE"

God wants to be the most glorious person in your life, so you can have the most glorious peace of your life.

Luke 2:8-14 / December 22, 2019

"GLORY to God in the highest, and on earth PEACE to those on whom God's favor rests." - v.14

## 1. THE GOD OF GLORY ...

Philippians 4:10, 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:6, John 1:14, Psalm 19:1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:15, Philippians 2:10-11, Job 37:22

#### A. THE LORD ... APPEARED -

"An angel of the Lord appeared to them." - v.9a

- "Shepherds"
- "Out in their fields"
- "Keeping watch over their flocks"

#### B. THE GLORY ... SHOWED -

"And the glory of the Lord shone around them." - v.9b

- "The glory of the Lord"
- "Shone around them"
- "And they were terrified"

If you've never felt 'small' around God ... you've probably not met the real God. – Isaiah 6: 5

#### C. THE NEWS ... CAME -

"Good news of great joy that will be for all the people." - v.10

- "Good news"
- "Great joy"
- "On whom God's favor rests"

"News, not Advice" - Timothy Keller

Christianity does not pretend to be a 'regional' occurrence for a select group of people in a specific place, but for ALL PEOPLE, EVERYWHERE, FOR ALL TIMES.

## 2. THE GOD OF PEACE ...

Romans 15:13, Romans 16:20a, Philippians 4:9, 1st Thess. 5:23, Hebrews 13:20-21, Ephesians 2:14, John 14:27

#### A. PEACE WITH ... GOD -

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." – Romans 5:1

## B. PEACE WITH ... OURSELVES -

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:6-7

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." – 1st Peter 5:7

#### C. PEACE WITH ... OTHERS -

"Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." – Ephesians 4:31-32

The proper 'fear' (respect, awesome reverence, submission, subjection, authority) of God's glory brings the ultimate peace.