

“The Purpose of Christmas”

Luke 2:8-14

Intro:

I. The first purpose of Christmas is Celebration:

- The good news of Christmas includes three things. *This is what we celebrate.*

- 1) God *loves* you.
- 2) God is *with* you.
- 3) God is *for* you.

II. The second purpose of Christmas is Salvation:

- 1) You are saved *from* something.
- 2) You are saved *for* something.
- 3) You were saved *by* something.

III. The third purpose of Christmas is – *Reconciliation*.

The Bible talks about three kinds of peace.

- 1) First, you need peace *with* God.
- 2) Once you make peace *with* God, *that's spiritual peace*, then you get the peace *of* God in your heart, and that's *emotional peace*.
- 3) Once you make peace *with* God, and then you get the peace *of* God in your heart, now you can start making peace *with other people*.

God says, “*I want you to be a peacemaker. I want you to be a reconciler.*” The Bible calls this the ministry of reconciliation.

- Who do you need to rebuild a relationship with this Christmas?
- Who do you need to restore a broken relationship with this Christmas?
- Who do you need to reconcile with?

That's the spirit of Christmas. Peace on earth good will toward men.