

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

MESSAGE NOTES

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day:

Finding Real Peace

Sunday, December 22 | Tommy Duke

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“Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others – the armies of heaven – praising God and saying, “Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.” – Luke 2:13-14

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

(Poem written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow on Christmas Day, December 25, 1863)

HOW TO EXPERIENCE REAL PEACE IN MY LIFE THIS CHRISTMAS

- TO EXPERIENCE PEACE _____, TRUST JESUS TO _____
_____.

“No power in the sky above or in the earth below – indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
– Romans 8:39

“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” – 1 John 1:9

- **TO EXPERIENCE THE PEACE _____, TRUST JESUS WITH _____.**

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 4:6-7

(Jesus) *“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”* – John 16:33

- **TO EXPERIENCE PEACE _____, TRUST JESUS TO _____.**

“Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.” – Ephesians 4:32

“Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.” – Romans 12:18

- **TO EXPERIENCE PEACE _____, TRUST JESUS FOR _____.**

“...I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior – yes, the Messiah, the Lord – has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!” – Luke 2:10-11

Memory Verse:

“Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.”
– Romans 5:1

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize Romans 5:1.
- Become a follower of Jesus by trusting Him with my salvation.
- Pray and trust Jesus with all the circumstances of my life.
- Sign up for the next FBC Membership Class coming up on Sunday, January 26, 2025 (12:15 – 2:45pm).

* Join us THIS Tuesday, December 24, at 6:00pm for our *Special Christmas Eve Service*, featuring Carols, Candlelight, and the Christmas Story! This is a 45-minute service to help you center your Christmas celebration around Jesus. It’s also a great opportunity to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to attend with you!



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