“Finding Peace In a Broken World”
Ephesians 2:11-18
“There's a war coming”

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Peace Is A Rare Commodity
In Today’s World

What venue?
Peace on earth?
Peace in streets of our nation?
Peace amongst family members?
Peace internally, in your soul?
Peace with our Creator?
Testimony of Scripture:
Jesus: “The Prince of Peace!”

“having no hope and without God in the world” (Ephesians 2:12)

No Jesus, no peace.
Know Jesus, know peace.

Paul’s review in 2 Timothy 3:1-5:
“...in the last days difficult times will come”
God’s People Are A Source Of Boundless Hope

What’s SO GOOD about the GOOD NEWS? God sent His Son, Jesus, as the Prince of Peace! (John 1:14)

Jesus ushers in peace:
* in human hearts = rebirth
* relationships = reconciliation
* nations = Lordship
God’s Showcase For A Broken World: His Church!

“Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world” (Philippians 2:14-15).
His Perfect Peace Treaty
Found in Ephesians 2

Vs. 13 – “…by the blood of Christ…”

Vs. 14 – “He Himself is our peace!”

Vs. 16 – “…might reconcile them…to God… through the cross!”
Why the Lord’s Supper Christmas Eve?

“...the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me” (1 Cor. 11:23-25).
The Lord’s Challenge: 
Become Peace-Makers!

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God...”
(Matthew 5:9).

Go, find darkness!
Go, find brokenness!
Go, find hopelessness!