

## SERMON NOTES

**Title: Peace on Earth**

**Text: Luke 2:14; I Tim. 2:1-4**

**Topic: Conflict Resolution**

**Time: 11/27/22**

**File Under: Christian Living**



“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace....” Luke 2:14

“War is Hell.” General William Tecumseh Sherman

I. Our God is a God of Peace. (II Cor. 13:11; I Cor. 14:33)

- Therefore, God wills it!
- You can't blame God for war. Sin is responsible. (Ja.4:1&2)

II. We are to be Peacemakers. (Matthew 5:9; James 3:17 & 18)

- Righteousness is “Right living with God and each other”.
- Peace begins in our hearts.
- God does not call us to do that which does not also equip us to do.

III. Weapons for waging Peace. (II Corinthians 10:3 & 4)

- Knowledge of the enemy (Ephesians 6:11 & 12)
- The Belt of Truth (Ephesians 6:14a)
- The Breastplate of Righteousness (Ephesians 6:14b)
- The Boots of the Gospel of Peace (Ephesians 6:15)
- The Shield of Faith (Ephesians 6:16)
- The Helmet of Salvation (Ephesians 6:17a)
- The Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17b)  
The Word of God (Hebrews 4:12)
- The Name of the Lord (I Samuel 17:45)
- The Blood of the Lamb (Revelation 12:11a)
- Your Testimony (Revelation 12:11b)
- Prayer (Ephesians 6:18 & I Timothy 2:1-4)  
“More things have been wrought by prayer than this world will ever know.”

Let us commit ourselves to be peacemakers.

### ***The Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi***

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;*

*Where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;*

*Where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, peace.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled,  
as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love;*

*For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning  
that we are pardoned;*

*It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*