

12/20/20 Micah 5:3-5; Luke 2:1-14

Title: Peace came down at Christmas

Introduction: The first Sunday of Advent we lit the candle of hope, the second Sunday we lit the candle of love, the third Sunday we lit the candle of joy, and today we light the candle of peace because Jesus is the Prince of Peace.



What is peace?

In English, the word “peace” signifies a passive picture. It means absence of civil disturbance or hostilities, or freedom from internal and external strife. Peace according to Baker’s Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology is defined as “to be complete or whole” or “to live well.” This definition originates from Hebrew root “SLM”, which means “to be complete or whole” or “to live well.”

Prophet Micah 5:5 has talked about peace. This peace is more than the absence of war. Most of you have learned the Hebrew word for peace, SHALOM, which encompasses all we need for a full and rich life. And this may include food and clothing, home, work and income, a devoted family, and orderly community, good government, favorable weather, peace and health, a good reputation and true friends and neighbors.

The Gospel of Luke chapter 2 talks about the birth of Christ child who will bring GLORY to God the Father and peace to the whole world. In Him, the forces of evil are attacked and destroyed. This child offers life and salvation to all who believe.



Conclusion: He provides peace to those who are at war with each other. He provides shepherd to those who are wandering. God meets our needs through Jesus Christ because He wants us to have peace. Amen!