

- **Peace of God (EMOTIONAL)**

*“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. <sup>7</sup> 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 (NLT)

- **Peace with each other (RELATIONAL)**

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

*“It makes no difference who you are or where you are from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open.”* Acts 10:35 (MSG)



## **"The Purpose of Christmas"**

### **THE ANGELS**

#### **Who were the angels?**

#### **The Christmas Angels**

*And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”*

Luke 2:8-10 (NIV)

#### **Purpose One: CELEBRATION**

#### **Why do we celebrate?**

- **God LOVES us!**

*“We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.”* I John 4:16 (NLT)

- God is **WITH** us!

*God says, "I will never leave you; I will never abandon you."  
Hebrews 13:5 (TEV)*

- God is **FOR** us!

*"God didn't send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it." John 3:17 (NLT)*

*"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:11 (NIV)*

## **Purpose Two: SALVATION**

### **What is salvation?**

- Saved from my **SIN**

*"Give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21 (NIV)*

*"I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does."  
Romans 7:24-25 (MSG)*

- Saved for a **PURPOSE**

*"He saved us and called us to be his own people, not because of what we have done, but because of his own purpose and grace." 2 Timothy 1:9 (TEV)*

- Saved by God's **GRACE**

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)*

*Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." Luke 2:13-14 (NLT)*

## **Purpose Three: RECONCILIATION**

### **What kind of peace does Jesus give?**

- Peace with God (**SPIRITUAL**)

*"Now that we have been put right with God through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."  
Romans 5:1 (TEV)*