14-My Peace I Give You

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INTRO:

I. → John 14:25-27

"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

→ "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

BODY:

I. A Troubled Heart

Grk (tarásso) troubled, agitated, stirred up, rolled over

- A. Wherever we go we bring the shalom of the Lord.
 - 1) **Luke 10:5-6**

"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you."

- 2) "shalom l'bayit hazeh"
- 3) MAN AT THE DAIRY QUEEN
- B. There is no peace like having Jesus on the throne.
 - 1) **Isaiah 9:6**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

2) ROMANS CHOSE DEC. 25 FOR WINTER SOLSTICE "Hence it is that He was born on the day which is the shortest in our earthly reckoning and from which subsequent days begin to increase in length. He, therefore, who bent low and lifted us up chose the shortest day, yet the one whence light begins to increase."—Augustine

II. A Fearful Heart

Grk (deiliáo) fearful, timid, cowardly

- A. <u>It is one thing to be afraid, and another to be fearful.</u>
 - 1) **Deuteronomy 31:6**

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

- 2) "Fatigue makes cowards of us all."—Vince Lombardi
- B. Even in the darkest of nights, Jesus is our peace.
 - 1) **Ephesians 2:14**

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.

2) THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE OF 1914

III. A Peaceful Heart

- A. <u>Jesus makes peace even when it cannot be found.</u>
 - 1) Luke 19:42-43

"If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that **make for your peace**! But now they are hidden from your eyes." (NKJV)

- 2) WALKING HOME IN THE SNOW
- B. <u>His peace abides in every season of our lives.</u>
 - 1) **Psalms 4:8**I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety. (K/V)
 - 2) LOSING TWO FRIENDS

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Psalms 122:7-8

May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels." For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you."

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

Ecclesiasticus 22:16

A wooden beam firmly bonded into a building will not be torn loose by an earthquake; so the mind firmly fixed on a reasonable counsel will not be afraid in a crisis. (RSV)

Luke 2:13

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (KJV)

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. (NKJV)