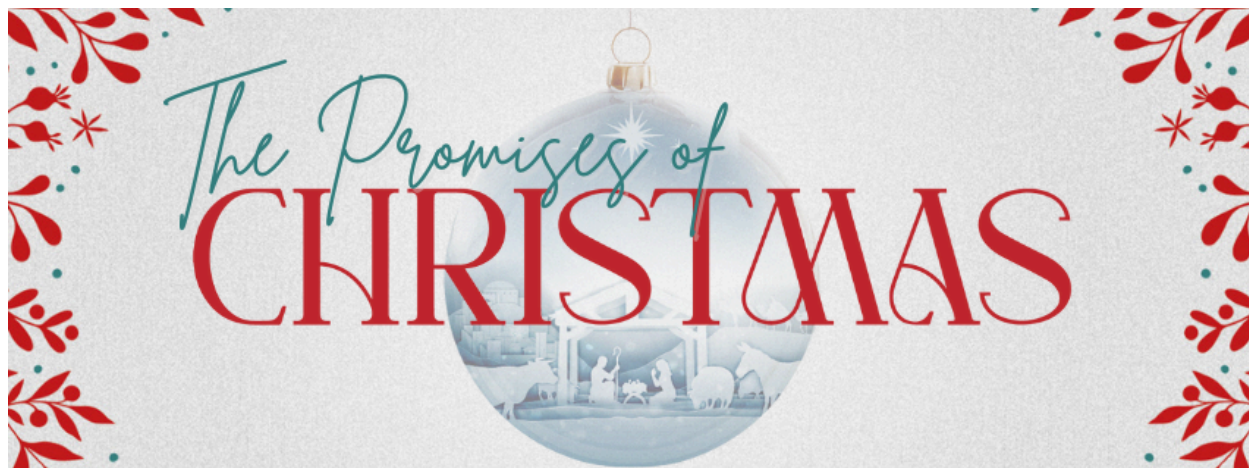


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**Isaiah 9:6-7, Ephesians 3:16-19, John 16:33**

## **Ephesians 3:16-19**

grasp/comprehend: Gr. *katalambano*: to ambush or surprise

Be ambushed by:

- ✓ The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father
- ✓ The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus
- ✓ The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit

**God puts a premium on broken things, especially broken \_\_\_\_\_.**

**We all have problems, but that doesn't make us a \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.**

**God's peace draws the \_\_\_\_\_ in the chaos.**

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## Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. Looking back on previous Christmas', what stood out to you? Share where you spent some of them, who you were with, and any funny moments, favorite dishes, or meaningful memories.
3. What, if anything, concerns you most about this Christmas season? Is there anything that tends to create anxiety in you during this time of year?
4. How would you define the word peace? Where are you looking for peace in your life?
5. Read Ephesians 3:16-19 again. In the message today, we learned that the Greek word for grasp/comprehend is *katalambano* which means to ambush or surprise. Think of a time when you have been ambushed in this way.
6. God wants to ambush you this Christmas with His fullness, His love, and His power. How can that help us have more peace in our lives? How can that allow God's peace to be the focus in us even in the midst of chaos?
7. Why is it important to know that God puts a premium on broken things, especially broken people? How can that bring about peace?
8. Jesus said in John 16:33, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." C.S. Lewis said, "Life with God is not immunity from difficulties, but peace in difficulties." How do these two statements relate? How does the promise Jesus gives in John help us experience what C.S. Lewis said?

Read Zechariah's Song, Luke 1:68-79. In that, Zechariah speaks of all the great things God will do and has done. This advent season, reflect on some of the great things God has done for you in 2024. Pray that God will guide you and grant you His peace. Also, be intentional about creating quiet moments that you can just "be still and know that He is God" (Psalm 46:10).