

Peace of Christmas: Peace with God

FOTC's series for Christmas 2020 we look at the Biblical meaning of Peace on Earth as well as how and where to find peace in our daily lives.

Colossians 3:15 NIV

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Luke 2:8-14 NKJV

8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Are you involved in religion or are you involved in a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ?

Christmas is all about _____ – God wanting to restore our relationship with Him.

Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord

peace

εἰρήνη eirene {i-ray'-nay}

1) a state of national tranquility

1a) exemption from the rage and havoc of war

2) peace between individuals, i.e. harmony, concord

3) security, safety, prosperity, felicity, (because peace and harmony make and keep things safe and prosperous)

4) of the Messiah's peace

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שָׁלוֹם shalom {shaw-lome'}

completeness, soundness, welfare, peace

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You can't say "I want Peace in my life but I don't want _____."

John 14:27

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (NKJ)

Ephesians 2:14

For He Himself is our peace, (NKJ)

You can't say "I want Peace in my life but I am not going to follow _____."

Share

Philippians 4:9

The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. (NKJ)

do

πράσσω prasso {pras'-so}

1) to exercise, practice, to be busy with, carry on

1a) to undertake, to do

2) to accomplish, perform

2a) to commit, perpetrate

Q: What is the key to Peace with God?

A: Having a _____ that gives God _____.

1. We Glorify God by Our _____.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (NKJ)

2. We Glorify God when we _____ Him.

Psalms 86:12

I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore. (NKJ)

3. We Glorify God when we _____ for Him.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; (NKJ)

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