



Profound: Peace

Scripture: Luke 2:8-14, Romans 5:1-2, Romans 12:18

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BOTTOM LINE: We can find our peace in Christ Jesus.

Peace is not simply the absence of conflict, it means to have a deep peace that is rooted in a real relationship with God.

Keys To Peace:

1. Give God the Glory. (Luke 2:8-14)

Vs. 8

Keeping watch over their flock by night- These shepherds were keeping watch over their flocks. It was not out of the ordinary for these shepherds to care for the lambs used in the temple sacrifice in addition to their own flocks.

Vs. 9

An angel of the Lord stood before them- This angel came to them at night and they were afraid.

Vs. 10

I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people- This angel came to bring good news. This news was not just for the shepherds, it would be for all people. This includes you and I.

Vs. 11

For there is born to you this day...Christ the Lord- The news that this angel would bring would be joyful. This is the announcement of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Vs. 12-13

With the angel a multitude of heavenly host- In addition to this angel, there was now a heavenly host (group of angels). They were all praising

God. There are many differences between angels and mankind. One similarity though is that these angels, like you and I were created to give God glory.

Yet even though the circumstances of his entrance into the world were lowly, his birth announcement was anything but. - Tony Evans

Vs. 14

Glory to God in the highest - This multitude was giving glory to God.

And on earth peace, goodwill toward men- This multitude not only gave glory to God but also declared a peace and goodwill towards men.

You can't experience peace without giving God glory. The two go hand in hand.

God's purpose is to give you peace by being the most glorious person in your life. - John Piper

Keys To Peace:

2. You Must Have Peace With God. (Romans 5:1-2)

Vs. 1-2

Having been justified by faith - We are all guilty of sin (Romans 3:23). Paul states that we have been justified by faith. This is a legal decree. Because of our faith in Jesus, we have justified standing before God. It's as if we never sinned.

The guilty sentence is transformed into a sentence of justified and justified by faith. - David Guzik

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ - A benefit of our faith in Christ Jesus is that we have peace with God. This peace can only come through Christ Jesus.

While faith leads to righteousness, it also leads to peace with God. - Tony Evans

Keys To Peace:

3. Let The Peace of Christ Be The Foundation For Your life. (Romans 12:18)

As Christians, we are to live our lives in contrast to the world.

Vs. 18

As much as depends on you- We can't control everyone else's actions, but we can control our own actions.

Live peaceably with all men - We are called to live peaceably with all men.

The angelic announcement of "peace on earth" repeated so often as Christmastime is not about quiet tranquility or merely the absence of animosity between people. It is a declaration of the coming end of hostilities between a holy God and sinful humanity through the atoning work of the Messiah. - Tony Evans

Three Things To Consider With Respect to Profound Peace:

1. Don't let your external circumstances outweigh your eternal destination.
2. Don't look for peace in the wrong things.
3. Don't live your life without peace.



3D Guide

DO.**BOTTOM LINE: We can find our peace in Christ Jesus.****DIG DEEPER**

1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?

**DISCUSS.**

1. What does it mean to experience peace during the Christmas season?
2. Now that we understand what 'peace' means, how can you live your day to day life with the peace that God intended you to have?
3. What are some ways you can apply this scripture to your life?

**DO.**

Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.