



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM DECEMBER 3/4 SERMON

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- 1) This past week we opened by discussing how for many, the Christmas season is way more stressful than peaceful.

What areas during the Christmas season often bring you stress? Be open and honest with one another.

- 2) Read [Isaiah 9:6](#), [Luke 2:14](#), and [Ephesians 2:13-22](#).

Read again [Ephesians 2:14](#). We said this weekend:

“For he himself is our peace” – Jesus is our peace.

That Jesus doesn't just provide peace, he is the object of our peace, he is our peace. And we said this weekend from that beautiful phrase in verse 13, “But now in Christ Jesus...”, that first and foremost:

**BUT NOW IN CHRIST JESUS...
our eternal position is peace with God.**

Discuss that statement. What goes through your mind and heart knowing that by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, your eternal position with God is a position of peace?

- 3) Read [Ephesians 2:18](#), [John 14:26-27](#), [Philippians 4:6-7](#)

Discuss those verses. What does God's Word have to say regarding the Holy Spirit's work of peace in our lives?

We said this weekend:

**BUT NOW IN CHRIST JESUS...
our daily experience is peace from God.**

What does it mean that God's peace passes understanding?

Can anyone share a moment in your life where you walked through a dark valley, yet you still experienced the peace of God?

- 4) Read [Ephesians 2:14-16](#), [Psalm 34:14](#), [Matthew 5:9](#), [Romans 12:18](#), [Romans 14:19](#), [Colossians 3:15](#).

We said this weekend, Ephesians 2 proclaims loudly not only God's desire for individuals to experience peace with Him, but also God's desire for the unity and peace of his Church. Therefore, we said:

BUT NOW IN CHRIST JESUS...
our responsibility is to promote peace in the body of Christ.

What causes division and hostility in the body of Christ? How can your group go out of its way to promote unity and peace at TBC?

- 5) Take some extra time to pray this week as a group. Share what areas you need to give over to the Lord this week, asking that he would grant you the experience of his peace.