

Christmas Brings

Peace

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Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." (NLT=New Living Translation)

1. Jesus brings peace with _____

Romans 5:1 "Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us." (NLT)

Colossians 1:20 "and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross." (NLT)

- Jesus came to remove the _____ of peace with God

Colossians 2:13-14 "You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. ¹⁴He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross." (NLT)

- Jesus came to give us a _____

John 1:12-13 "But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God." (NLT)

2. Jesus brings peace to our _____

Colossians 3:15 "And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace." (NLT)

Philippians 4:7 "Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." (NLT)

- Stop pursuing _____ for internal peace

Colossians 2:8-10 "Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers^[a] of this world, rather than from Christ. ⁹For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.^[b] ¹⁰So you also are complete through your union with Christ..." (NLT)

- How do I have peace through Jesus?
 - We have peace through His presence – His character – through surrender – through identity – through forgiveness – His promises – through perspective – through transformation

3. Jesus brings peace with _____

2 Corinthians 13:11 "...Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you." (NLT)

Matthew 5:9 "God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God." (NLT)

- Jesus changes how you see people – Jesus heals our inner wounds – Jesus grows us in humility – Jesus empowers forgiveness – Jesus gives you strength to love – Jesus calms our reactions – Jesus builds community

John 5:39-40 "You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!"⁴⁰ Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life." (NLT)

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Discussion Questions:

1. When you hear the phrase, "peace on earth," what thoughts and emotions does this create?
2. How does Jesus bring peace with God?
3. How does Jesus bring peace to our own hearts?
4. How does Jesus bring peace to our relationships?
5. Why is true peace on earth impossible without Jesus?
6. What is the difference between believing in Jesus and accepting / receiving Him?

