

I. Understanding Peace

Luke 2:8-14

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³Suddenly a great company of the Heavenly host appeared with the Angel praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests."

Peace: An exemption from the _____ and _____ of war.

A. Peace Is _____

Serendipity: Finding something _____ in the process of focusing on something else.

- Peace is not the absence of _____ but the presence of _____.
- Peace is not the absence of _____ but the presence of _____ in the midst of our problems.

B. Peace Is _____

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

C. Peace Is _____

- It is impossible to be _____ with God and _____ with others.

Romans 12:18

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

D. Peace Is _____

Colossians 3:15

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

E. Peace is _____

- Peace is your Father's _____ and _____ for you.

II. Peace Poachers

A. _____

- Being preoccupied with life's storms _____ your boat can often allow you to forget who is _____ your boat.

B. _____

- A life lived for self is a life characterized by _____.

C. _____

- _____, _____, and _____

_____ we look to in order
to bring _____ us peace.

John 14:27

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do
not give to you as the world gives. Do not
let your hearts be troubled and do not be*

*let your
afraid.*

D. _____

- Constant reminders that your _____ or
your lack of _____
_____ leaves you _____ as a
second-class citizen at best.

III. Possessing Peace

Philippians 4:4-7

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your
gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious
about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with
thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of
God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

A. _____

- Rejoicing _____ the peace
process.
- Rejoicing is learning to celebrate
_____ over situation and
_____ over circumstances.

B. Illuminate Your _____

- God's _____ has already been
revealed.

Romans 8:1

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those
who are in Christ Jesus,*

- Peace arrives when we realize
_____ is all that we are not.

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Week 1: Peace