

I. Understanding Peace

Luke 2:8-14

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>Suddenly a great company of the Heavenly host appeared with the Angel praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"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! <sup>5</sup>Let your  
gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious  
about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with  
thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And 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