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The Truth About Christmas

Where's the Promised Peace on Earth?



1. Understand _____ (v.14b)

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----- εὐδοκίας -----

on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests. (NIV)
on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased. (NASB)
on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased. (ESV)
on earth peace among those whom he favors. (NRSV)
on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased. (ASV)
peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased. (NLT)
on earth peace among people with whom he is pleased (NET)
peace on earth to people He favors. (CSB)

----- εὐδοκία -----

peace in earth, and towards men goodwill. (Geneva)
on earth peace, good will towards men. (KJV)
on earth peace, good pleasure in men. (Darby)
on earth peace, goodwill toward men. (NKJV)

2. Problems with People? _____

3. Conflicts in the World? _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. What are some of the damages related to misguided or unbiblical expectations regarding the Christian life?
2. Read **Hebrews 9:28**. Differentiate, in your own words, the two distinct "agendas" between Christ's first coming which we celebrate at Christmas, and Christ's second coming which the Bible tells us has yet to take place?
3. Read **Matthew 5:10-12**. How does devotion and obedience to Christ intensify conflict with others?

How do you derive "peace" as a Christian in the midst of relational conflict?

4. Read **Matthew 24:6-7**. Obviously Jesus promised that wars would continue during this age. How do you, as a Christian, find "peace" in a world that is full of war and national conflicts?

5. Read **Galatians 5:22**. What are some of the manifestations of "peace" that the Holy Spirit produces in your life?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this
week's schedule:

December 21st

Zeph.3 & Rev.12

December 22nd

Hag. & Rev.13

December 23rd

Zech.1-2 & Rev.14

December 24th

Zech.3-4 & Rev.15

December 25th

Zech.5-6 & Rev.16

December 26th

Zech.7-8 & Rev.17

December 27th

Zech.9-10 & Rev.18

December 28th

Zech.11-12 & Rev.19

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0438 – **Genuine Joy & Peace Regardless of Your December Challenges**

CD # 0234 – **Why God Doesn't Make All Your New Years "Happy"**

CD # 0308 – **Our Next War: Thinking Biblically About Battles & Bombs**

CD # 0322 – **When the Grass Looks Greener**

CD # 0016 – **How to Argue: Rules of Engagement for Your Next Disagreement**

CD # 0219-0220 – **War Zones & Peace Treaties (a three part series)**

*Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to www.CompassBooks.org.)*

Anderson, Robert. **The Lord from Heaven**. Kregel Publications, 1978.

Carson, D. A. **How Long, O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil**. Baker Books, 1990.

Foxe, John. **Foxe's Book of Martyrs**. The John C. Winston Co., 1926.

Hefley, James and Marti. **By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20th Century**. Baker Books, 1996.

Henry, Matthew. **The Pleasantness of a Religious Life: A Puritan's View of the Good Life**. Christian Focus, 1998.

Holmes, Arthur F., ed. **War and Christian Ethics: Classic Readings on the Morality of War**. Baker Books, 1975.

Johnson, Barbara. **Stick a Geranium in Your Hat and Be Happy**. Word Publishing, 1990.

Lewis, C.S. **The Problem of Pain**. Macmillan Publishing, 1962.

McKeehan, Toby and Mark Heimermann. **Jesus Freaks: Stories of Those Who Stood for Jesus**. Albury Publishing, 1999.

Sande, Ken. **The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflicts**. Baker Books, 1997.

Tada, Joni Eareckson. **Heaven: Your Real Home**. Zondervan, 1997.

Water, Mark, ed. **The New Encyclopedia of Christian Martyrs**. Baker Books, 2001.

Wilson, Doug. **Joy at the End of the Tether: The Inscrutable Wisdom of Ecclesiastes**. Canon Press, 1999.