



1. Know _____ (v.14)

earliest Greek manuscripts

doxa en hypsistios theo kai
 glory in the highest to God and

epi ges eirene en anthropois eudokias

some later Greek manuscripts

doxa en hypsistios theo kai
 glory in the highest to God and

epi ges eirene

en anthropois

eudokia

----- **eudokias** -----

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

----- **eudokia** -----

on earth peace, good will towards men. (KJV)
 on earth peace, goodwill toward men. (NKJV)

2. Make _____ (vv.13-14)

3. Confidently _____ (vv.15-21)

2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, **14** "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" **15** When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." **16** And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. **17** And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. **18** And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. **19** But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. **20** And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. **21** And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.
 (ESV)

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. Read **2 Corinthians 5:15-21**. What are some of the indications listed in this passage that characterize someone who has actually been reconciled to God?
2. Read **Romans 5:1-5**. Why does having "peace with God" not mean we will be without conflict in this present life?
3. Read **Luke 12:51-53**. Describe some of the types of conflict that arise when people live loyal to Christ amid those who do not.
4. Read **Hebrews 9:27-28**. How would you describe to someone the importance of differentiating the two distinct purposes for the coming of Christ?
5. Read **2 Peter 3:1-13**. Why is there such a long gap between the two comings of Christ, and what does this passage prompt us to do during the interval?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Though the Bible) for schedule prompts.

December 23rd

Hab. 1-3 & Rev. 14

December 24th

Zeph. 1-3 & Rev. 15

December 25th

Hag. 1-2 & Rev. 16

December 26th

Zech. 1-3 & Rev. 17

December 27th

Zech. 4-6 & Rev. 18

December 28th

Zech. 7-9 & Rev. 19

December 29th

Zech. 10-12 & Rev. 20

December 30th

Zech. 13-14 & Rev. 21

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 08-39 – ***Where's the Promised Peace on Earth***

Msg. # 08-15 – ***How to Get Eternal Life: The Only Right Response***

Msg. # 07-10 – ***Reaching Forward with the Hope of a New World***

Msg. # 11-23 – ***Envisioning the End***

Msg. # 07-67–0778 – ***Sorting Out the End Times*** (a 12-part series)

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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