

Week Two - Peace

Read Luke 2:14

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Do you hear it? Everyone in your house needs to be very quiet in order to hear this sound. Take a second, be still and listen...

What did you hear?

You may have said I hear nothing! But you did hear something! It was the sound of peace. No loud noises, no laughing, no tv or music playing in the background, no one talking. Just stillness, silence, and peace. Don't you love the sound of peace?

When do we usually hear the sound of peace? If you wake up in the middle of the night, you will hear it. No one is moving. Everyone is sleeping and is still. You might hear it in the mountains when you are camping. You might hear it at the beach at night when no one is playing. But this kind of peace usually has an end. Eventually, the sun will rise and everyone will wake up. They will run around the house trying to get ready for school or work. If you're camping, you will hear campers preparing breakfast. If you're at the beach you will hear the sounds of joy as people set up their tents and get their spots for a sunny, relaxing day in the sand. The peace will eventually come to an end.

But I know of a peace that will never end. And that peace comes from Jesus Christ, who is the Prince of Peace.

In the book of Isaiah, the prophet shares with the Israelites that a child will be born and will be given to us. This child will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6b). This child is Jesus and Isaiah is letting the Israelites know that Peace is coming! And the best part...this Peace will have no end. We won't go to sleep and wake up the next morning to find that the peace of Jesus is gone. We can be sure of this because of what Isaiah 9:7 says:

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"Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end."

Our life here on this earth may not always be filled with peace. But when we know Jesus and accept Him as our Savior, we know that one day (when we go to heaven) that peace will be ours forever. And what a day of rejoicing that will be! Today, let the light of Christ's peace shine brightly in your life.

Light the Candle

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Have one person in your family take a lighter and light the first candle of Hope. Then light the purple candle of Peace.



Discuss

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What are some ways you can help bring peace on earth?

Closing prayer

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Prince of Peace, sometimes we let the evil and chaos in this world take over. We forget to look for the peace that surrounds us. Help us to be still and listen and look for Your peace on this earth. Remind us that Your peace is here with us. In Jesus' name, Amen.