

Finding Peace

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I. Introduction

Luke 2:14 (NLT) *“Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”*

Luke 2:8-14 (NLT) ⁸That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹²And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.” ¹³Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”

II. How Do I Find Peace?

Romans 1:7 (NLT) *I am writing to all of you in Rome who are loved by God and are called to be his own holy people. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.*

Luke 8:48 (NLT) *“Daughter,” he said to her, “your faith has made you well. Go in peace.”*

Luke 2:14 (NLT) *“Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”*

Isaiah 9:6-7a (NLT) ⁶For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His government and its peace will never end.

A. I find peace when I _____ God.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT) ⁶Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

1. Don’t _____

2. _____

a. Tell God what you need.

b. Thank Him for all He has done.

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Isaiah 26:3 (NLT) *You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!*

John 14:27 (NLT) *“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”*

I John 1:9 (NLT) *But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.*

Romans 5:1 (NLT) *Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.*

Matthew 5:9 (NLT) *“God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.”*

III. Conclusion