

Where's the Peace?

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Luke 2:8-9

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 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. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

If Jesus Came to Bring Peace on Earth,
Where's the Peace?

No _____ without the _____ of _____!

What is 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 afraid.

Numbers 6:22-26

22 The LORD said to Moses, 23 "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

24 " 'The LORD bless you
and keep you;

25 the LORD make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;

26 the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.' "

Proverbs 14:30

A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.

Peace is a _____ awareness that all is _____,
in spite of _____ and _____ disturbances.

So How Can I Find Peace?

1. Release _____!

Worry is a _____ issue.

Worry is a _____.

1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

My Worries:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

2. Make My _____ List My _____ List!

Philippians 4:6-9

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-- think about such things.

9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me-- put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

December Memory Verse: Psalm 107:1 (NLT) Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.