

**TIRED OF ALL THIS...
Living as People of Peace**

Luke 2.8-20

*“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom
his favor rests.”* Luke 2.14

It doesn't take long for us to realize that there is a lack of peace in our world. The absence of peace easily leads us to become “tired of all this” and cynical, frustrating any efforts at peace-making. Yet the angels promised “peace on earth” to the shepherds at the birth of the Christ child and Jesus himself told his disciples that he was leaving them with his peace. How do we acquire peace for our souls and how do we live as people of peace in today's world?

1. PEACE begins with **FAITH** .

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with
God through our Lord Jesus Christ...* Romans 5.1

2. PEACE blossoms whenever we spend time with **THE PRINCE OF PEACE**.

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body
you were called to peace.* Colossians 3.15

*You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are
fixed on you!* Isaiah 26.3 NLT

*So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting
the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.* Romans 8.6 NLT

3. PEACE reveals itself in **OUR ACTIONS**.

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth ¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

James 3.13-18

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12.18

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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