

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of December 20, 2020

The Fall Quarter of small groups has concluded and the Winter Quarter will begin in mid-January. This week's Food for Thought is for your own study in diving deeper into this week's message.

1. We heard this weekend that Jesus came to give us peace with God, within ourselves, and with others. How do the following verses help us understand this peace?

Peace with God—

Romans 5:1-2; 8-10

2 Corinthians 5:20-21

Our sin put us at war with God. Jesus' death on the cross provided forgiveness of our sin and made possible for us to have peace with God.

Peace within ourselves—

John 14:1-3, 27; 16:33

Phil. 4:6-9

Psalms 46:1-3

For the child of God, inner peace is not because of the lack of difficult or bad circumstances, but because of the presence of Jesus *in* those circumstances.

Peace with others—

Ephesians 4:29-32

Romans 12:17-21

Matt. 6:12

Write down anything you can think of that would help you in your effort to live at peace with the people in each area below.

Family

Church

Work

Community

The message of Christmas is that Jesus came as our *Prince of Peace*.

This Christmas season, our prayer is that you receive His peace with God, experience His peace within yourself and share His peace with others.

Merry Christmas



CHRISTMAS ADVENT

EVERLASTING PEACE

Jay Farwell Luke 2:10-14 December 20, 2020

Lasting Peace in this Chaotic Season

God sent His Son into the world to bring peace between Himself and us; peace that permeates and changes life for those that have received this peace through Jesus.

I PEACE WITH GOD

The purpose of Christ's coming: For the glory of God and for our peace.

Jesus took our sins, we get His perfection, and therefore we are at peace with God.

II PEACE WITH OURSELVES

Because we are at peace with *God*, we can be at peace with *ourselves*.

No matter what we face in life, God is in control.

III PEACE WITH OTHERS

We can do this because of who God is, not because of our own abilities.

We can do this if we remember the peace that we have with God through Jesus.