

## Study Notes:

What kinds of things disturb your sense of peace in life?

What kinds of things enhance peace in your life?

How can you help your family and/or friends find peace this Christmas season?

Thinking back to Sunday's service, what encouraged you, inspired you, challenged you, or changed your thinking?

Although the video shown during the message was a commercial and not a documentary, describe what you saw and what it meant.

The Hebrew word "shalom" is translated as "peace" and refers to a sense of wholeness and well-being. The Greek word "eirene" is translated as "peace" and refers to harmony, tranquility, and even prosperity.

How does the peace offered in this world differ from the kind of peace that God offers us?

Read **Romans 5:1-5**.

How does Paul say we gain peace with God?

How does verse 2 tell us we gain access to God's presence?

Does peace with God mean that we won't have any suffering or struggles in life?

Read **Philippians 4:4-9**.

There is much in the world to cause us worry. How should the attitude of the Christian be different than the non-believer?

What does Paul say is the remedy for worry and what does God want to give us instead?

One of the things that causes us worry is that we put our focus on the wrong things. Where does verse 8 encourage us to put our focus?

Who do you know that needs peace with God? What will you do about it?

## GRACE NOTES

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Series: Come Home for Christmas

Message: Come Home to Peace

Scripture: Luke 2:11-14; Isaiah 9:6

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### Isaiah 9:6

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

### Luke 2:11-14

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

*And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."*

*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"*

Jesus brings us peace with God.

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.* (Romans 5:1)

Jesus brings us peace with others.

*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.* (Ephesians 2:13-16)

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.* (Galatians 3:28)

Jesus brings us peace within.

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...* (Galatians 5:22-23)

*Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.* (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

