



Imagine: Peace Inside and Out

Luke 2:14 and Isaiah 9:6,7 and John 20:19-23

Listen! Jerusalem is literally “The City of Peace” and contains 67 war memorials.

- My Confession: I am personally very skeptical about world peace.

Problem: How could we possibly get inner and outer peace?

Proposition #1. Outer peace is only achieved by _____.

- Isaiah 9:6, 7 and Luke 2:14
- A. Our world is a world of trouble.
- B. Jesus is the King of Peace.

Proposition #2. Inner peace is only achieved by _____.

- John 20:19-23
- A. Our world is a world of trouble.
- B. Jesus is the King of Peace.
- His presence:
 - His greeting—shalom:
 - His resurrection:
 - His commission:
 - His enabling Spirit:

Central Truth: The only capable Agent of inner and outer peace...is _____.

For Instance:

Personal Transformation:

Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking with Christ and pursuing God through obedience, reflective living, and community.

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Please take some time each day this week for "spiritual recalibration" by thinking through the following ideas and questions related to having "eternity in our hearts:"

- **Today:** What will you do today to spend more time in the conscious presence of Jesus, the Agent of peace? How would your life look differently if you pursued Him more faithfully?
- **Monday:** Read and reflect on Philippians 4:4-9. The passage gives guidelines for gaining both the peace of God and the God of peace. What are those guidelines?
- **Tuesday:** How could you, based on Philippians 4:4-9, gain more personal peace?
- **Wednesday:** When and why do you most experience inner peace—the sense of harmony, wellbeing, and calm assurance about your future?
- **Thursday:** What do you think that God has commissioned you to do personally? Do you have a sense of "calling" and "sending" from Him? If you could write your own ticket what kind of ministry would you do? What are you good at—just the top three? How might these three abilities fit into the meaningful ministry that God has for you?
- **Friday:** What is the biggest issue of personal anxiety in your life? Is there any way at all that Jesus could help with this? Is it beyond Him or not? How could you enlist His help?
- **Saturday:** In what ways could you increase your personal submission to the Holy Spirit of Jesus?
- **Bonus opportunity for peace:** Read John 16:33 and Romans 5:1 and reflect on the additional guidelines for personal peace found in these two verses.

Merry Christmas! From Dave Gibson **Shalom! From Jesus!**