

III. EXPERIENCE PEACE WITH OTHERS

A. Problem #3: CONFLICT with others is inevitable.

“¹ Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?” James 4:1

“⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?” Jeremiah 17:9

B. Jesus came to provide relational peace.

“¹⁸ If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.” Romans 12:18

“¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

¹⁴ ‘Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!’”

Luke 2:13-14

“¹⁶ and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.” Ephesians 2:16

“¹⁴ Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

¹⁵ looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;” Hebrews 12:14-15

EXPERIENCE THE GIFT OF PEACE

“²⁷ Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

John 14:27

EXPERIENCE THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS

Experience The Gift Of Peace

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Introduction:

A. Welcome to the Christmas season! For some it is the most wonderful time of the year. For others it is the most difficult time of the year. But for everyone it can be a time of celebration if we all experience the gift of Jesus.

“¹⁵ Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”

II Corinthians 9:15

The indescribable gift of Christmas is Jesus and He is the gift that keeps on giving!

B. Attend and Experience The Gifts Of Christmas Teaching Series and experience Jesus and His gifts of peace, hope, love, salvation and joy. Discover how to unwrap these gifts through this verse-by-verse study of Romans 5:1-11.

TODAY	Experience The Gift Of Peace
Dec 15	Experience The Gift Of Hope
Dec 22	Experience The Gift Of Love
Dec 23 & 24	Experience The Gift Of Salvation
Dec 29	Experience The Gift Of Joy

C. **TEXT:** Romans 5:1-2

Jesus is the “Prince of Peace.

” 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.” Isaiah 9:6

HOW TO EXPERIENCE THE GIFT OF PEACE

I. EXPERIENCE PEACE WITH GOD

Five times in the New Testament God is called “the God of Peace” (Romans 15:13, 16:20; Philippians 4:9; I Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:20).

A. Problem #1: SIN causes separation from God.

“¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—” Romans 5:12

“²² There is no peace,” says the LORD, “for the wicked.” Isaiah 48:22

B. Jesus came to provide spiritual peace.

*“¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.”* Romans 5:1-2

“⁴⁷ And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,” Luke 1:47

“¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11

“¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

“¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,” Ephesians 2:13-14

“²⁷ To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.” Colossians 1:27

II. EXPERIENCE PEACE WITH YOURSELF

A. Problem #2: FEAR is attacking us.

“²⁵ The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.” Proverbs 29:25

“²⁵ ‘Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?’” Matthew 6:25

“⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.” James 1:8

“⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” II Timothy 1:7

B. Jesus came to provide emotional peace.

*“⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;
⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and mind through Christ Jesus.”* Philippians 4:6-7

*“⁸ Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.
⁹ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.”*

“¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.” Luke 2:10

“¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Colossians 3:15