

Peace on Earth

Romans 8:1-8; Psalm 32:1-11

Peace on Earth comes to:

- 1. Those who belong to Jesus.**
- 2. Those who call to Jesus.**
- 3. Those who follow Jesus.**

Questions to consider:

How do we belong to Jesus and does that impact your daily life?

What have you experienced through confession of your sins?

In what areas of your life do you find it hard to be led or instructed by God?

Further study: Start reading Romans 7-11 for Week 26 of our 2025 reading plan.

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Luke 2:14 “Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”

Peace on Earth comes to:

Romans 8:1-2

- 1. Those who belong to Jesus.**

Psalm 32:1-5

Psalm 32:6-7

- 2. Those who call to Jesus.**

Romans 8:3-4

Hebrews 4:14-16

Romans 8:5-8

3. Those who follow Jesus.

Psalm 32:8-11

There's something about community—the relationships, the sense of belonging, the support and encouragement, the sympathy and understanding—that deepens our lives and anchors our souls. But the community pictured in shows like *Cheers* or *Friends*, or more recently in *This Is Us* or *Stranger Things*, pales in comparison to the truest, best, clearest picture of community that has ever been presented—the *new* community, called together by Christ for Christ, better known as the Church. And no better snapshot of its life can be found than in the second chapter of Acts:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and miraculous signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (vv. 42–47)

In this portrait, we find that the new community that Christ came to establish is a place where there is love, intimacy, service and honor. A place, as it has often been said, where you can love and be loved, know and be known, serve and be served, celebrate and be celebrated. Those are four things that are marks of this new community and that are indispensable to a life in Christ.