

MISSING PEACE
The Promise #5
December 24, 2025
Luke 2:1-20

Big Idea: Jesus came to bring you _____ with
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HOW TO FIND YOUR MISSING PEACE

- 1. Find it by _____.** (Romans 5:1; Hebrews 11:6)
- 2. Protect it by _____.** (Philippians 4:6-7)
- 3. Repair it by _____.** (Romans 12:18-21)

DAILY REFLECTIONS ON FINDING YOUR MISSING PEACE

Monday: Read Luke 2:8-14. The birth of Jesus was heralded by the angels as “good news” (a.k.a. gospel) of “great joy” “for all the people”. Why? Because Jesus was the Savior who would bring peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased. Peace on earth means peace with God for people on earth. How can you please God and be at peace with Him? Read Hebrews 11:6. Find peace with God by faith in Jesus.

Tuesday: Read Rom. 5:1. You only find peace with God through faith in Jesus. Why is that, and why does it matter? In your natural state you are at odds with God because of your sin. God is a righteous judge who must punish sin, but He loved you enough to send Jesus to pay your sin debt (Rom. 5:8; 6:23). Read Rom. 3:19-26. Even though you have sinned (v. 23) you can be reconciled to God by grace through faith in Jesus (v. 24). Are you at peace with God? Trust Jesus and find true peace.

Wednesday: It is possible to trust and follow Jesus but still feel anxious and worried at times. The Apostle Paul addressed that in Phil. 4:4-9. What were his instructions? Worship Jesus (rejoice in the Lord). Pray specific requests (supplication). Pray with thanksgiving. Keep practicing these things and “the peace of God will guard your heart” (v. 7) and “be with you” (v. 9). When you feel anxious turn on some praise music, worship, pray and don’t give up!!

Thursday: Sometimes our anxiety is because of unconfessed sin. Read Psalm 32. When you try to keep sin secret, it only makes you sick. Can you relate? God offers forgiveness, but you won’t experience it until you confess your sin to Him (1 John 1:9). Sometimes it helps to also confess to and pray with a trusted friend who will keep your confession confidential (James 5:16). Confess your sin and find peace.

Friday: Sometimes our peace is disrupted by unresolved conflict. How can we live at peace with someone with whom we are at odds? Seek reconciliation to restore the relationship (Matt. 5:21-25; 18:15-17). Forgive them by giving up the right to retaliate and treating them with love and respect (Rom. 12:18-21). It takes two to reconcile but only you to forgive. Forgive as Christ forgave you and find peace (Eph. 4:29-32).