

Real Peace Peace with Others

Steve Brooks // December 13, 2020
Luke 2:14 & Ephesians 2:11-18

1. Jesus Makes the First Move

2. The Prince of Peace Pays the Price of Peace

A. He gave up the right to be right

B. He came in person

Sermon questions

Our Christmas series, Real Peace, is about how we find the peace that we all long for in the story of Christmas. As you celebrate Christmas this year, think about the way that Jesus has brought peace into your life and how He invites you to partner with Him in bringing His peace to the world around you.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. We've defined the biblical idea of peace (*shalom*) as "the wholeness God intends for His creation." Describe what it means for you to have *shalom* in your relationships with others.
 2. Where are you experiencing a lack of *shalom* in your relationships right now? What is causing that brokenness?

3. Have someone read **Ephesians 2:11-18**. In the “new humanity” (v. 15) that is the family of God in Christ, what types of people do you have the hardest time living in peace with? How does the truth of the Gospel speak into that?
 4. Pastor Steve highlighted the fact that on Christmas, God made the first move in healing our broken relationship. How can you **grow** as a follower of Jesus in making the first move in healing broken relationships with others in your life?
 5. One of the ways we **go** and represent Jesus is by loving the difficult people God has put in our lives. How can you “love the person in front of you,” especially when you see the world very differently than they do?

Read the Bible this year

Pastor Brad encouraged us to read the Bible in 2020. Here's some help getting started. Each day this week read from the Old and New Testament. Or, if you prefer, read just from one testament. Enjoy!

- **Ezekiel 47-48; 1 John 3**
- **Daniel 1-2; 1 John 4**
- **Daniel 3-4; 1 John 5**
- **Daniel 5-7; 2 John 1**
- **Daniel 8-10; 3 John 1**
- **Daniel 11-12; Jude 1**
- **Hosea 1-4; Revelation 1**