

Message Notes | Reasons for the Season

Part 3: Peace for the Broken

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so the _____ can have _____.

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Group Questions | Reasons for the Season

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1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate your level of peacefulness this past year? What factors impacted your level of peacefulness?
2. The peace God promised would require the act of a King, not just better circumstances. Where are you most tempted to act like peace depends on you managing things well instead of trusting someone greater than you?
3. **Read Colossians 1:15-17.** This world was designed to have everything be in, through, and for Jesus. He holds it all together. What are some circumstances in your life that make it difficult to believe everything is held together by Jesus?
4. The world was designed for peace with God at the center of everything. The current state is beyond our ability to restore or repair. Should followers of Jesus strive to bring peace into this broken world? If so, how?
5. **Read Colossians 1:23.** We are called to remain grounded by faith in what Jesus has done. What's the difference between seeking peace that's given by faith and fighting for peaceful moments?
6. What's a takeaway from this message that you want to take beyond the Christmas season and make part of your life?

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Bible Reading for Today

Colossians 1:15-23

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.