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“A Time for Reconciliation”

Luke 2:12-14

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#1. What does it mean to have peace?

- the Greek idea of peace
“the absence of war”

Luke 2:13

Isaiah 2:4

- the Hebrew idea of peace
“life lived rightly”

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#2. Where can God bring us peace?

1) peace in our world

Romans 8:19-22 (NLT)

2) peace between us and Him

Isaiah 57:20-21

Romans 5:1

3) peace in our hearts

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How do we experience God's peace in our hearts?

- you've got to trust God

Luke 7:50

Romans 15:13

- you've got to make God the focus of your life

Romans 8:6b

- you've got to talk to God

Philippians 4:6-7

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- you've got to live for God
Philippians 4:8-9

4) peace with others

Hebrews 12:14

Romans 14:19

Romans 12:18

Philippians 2:13

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-Two important things to remember...

- 1 – God has given us a ministry of reconciliation (II Corinthians 5:18)
- 2 – God has promised to bless peacemakers (Matthew 5:9)

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