

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Read Isaiah 9:1-7 and Luke 2:8-14. This week we continue to focus on *peace on earth*. Conduct a self-checkup on your state of peace: emotionally, relationally and spiritually. Is the peace of Christ ruling in your heart? (See Colossians 3:15).

Tuesday. On Sunday we took time to try to understand what peace in the Bible is about. Review any notes you made on this. How is the true peace of God different from what people think peace is? In what ways is it similar or the same? Write out your own description of God's peace.

Wednesday. God provided peace through Jesus when He came to earth, but not in a way most people expected. Review the very familiar gospel accounts again, noting how different it was from expectations as well as the beauty and wisdom of God's plan of sending the Prince of Peace to earth. Thank God for sending Jesus to bring peace on earth, to bring peace to you.

Thursday. Jesus Christ brings peace, but not as most people expect. Check the reference and any notes you made on the outline. Why do you think there is so little peace (all aspects) in the world? Is God's peace available to all who trust Him? What is your responsibility as a believer to live in God's peace?

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at the third theme for Advent 2008, Joy. What is joy? Are you a joyful person— why or why not? Reflect on the joy of God as you prepare for our time together.

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Worship In Proclamation



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Theme: **Christmas Celebrates Christ Bringing True, Everlasting Peace To Earth.**

Promise: Christ, The Messiah Will Bring Peace.

1. The Messiah, who is the Prince of Peace, will establish and uphold peace. (Isaiah 9:6-7 *cf.* 2:4, 11:6-9)

2. The Messiah’s birth brought peace to earth.
(Luke 2:14; *cf.* Ephesians 2:14-16)

Problem: Where Is The Peace?

1. The absence of peace is conspicuously obvious.

2. Understanding peace. (Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:14; *cf.* Genesis 15:16; Deuteronomy 27:5-6; Psalm 50:14)

Provision: The Savior Born For Us, Christ The Lord.

1. The Prince of Peace came to earth, but not as most expected.
(*cf.* Matthew 1:18–2:23; Luke 1:26-56, 2:1-20; John 1:1-18)

2. The Prince of Peace has brought peace to earth, but not as most expected.
(Luke 2:14; *cf.* John 14:27, 16:33; Acts 10:36; Romans 3:23-24, 5:1, 6:23; Philippians 4:4-9; Colossians 1:19-20, 3:15; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

NO JESUS, NO PEACE.

Know Jesus, Know Peace.

(Turn over for “In My Life This Week”)