

Finding a Peace of Christmas

It's a Wonderful Life – Part 3

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth PEACE to those on whom his favor rests.” Luke 2:14 (NIV)

How to Experience Peace This Christmas

(Luke 2:21-38)

1) Have the right expectations

“Now there was a man named Simeon who lived in Jerusalem. He was a righteous man and very devout. He was filled with the Holy Spirit, and he eagerly expected the Messiah to come and rescue Israel.” Luke 2:25 (NLT)

“Lord, now I can die in peace! As you promised me, I have seen the Savior.” Luke 2:29-30 (NLT)

“...seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Luke 11:9 (NIV)

2) Worship Jesus even in my pain

“...Anna was very old. She had once been married for seven years. Then her husband died, and she was a widow for eighty-four years. Anna never left the Temple but worshiped God...” Luke 2:36-37 (NCV)

“She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she also began thanking God...” Luke 2:38 (LB)

“... ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks. And God's peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7 (NCV)

3) Share His peace with others.

“...she thanked God and spoke about Jesus to all who were waiting for God to free Jerusalem.” Luke 2:38 (NCV)

“I have seen the Savior you have given to the world. He is the Light that will shine upon the nations...” Luke 2:30-32 (LB)