

"Peace on Earth"

Text: Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 2:13-14

Scripture reading: Romans 5:1-11

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I. Understanding God's peace

(Jn. 3:15-16; Rm. 6:23, 5:1-2)

II. Entering God's peace

(Lk. 2:13-14; Matt. 10:34)

III. Living God's peace

A) Inward peace - Phil. 4:6-9

-prayer

-meditation

-study

B) Outward peace - Rom. 12:9-18
(Col. 3:15)

C) Upward peace - Ps. 119:162-168
(Eph. 2:2; Ps. 66:18)

"Prince of peace' - where God comes in love to human beings and unites with them, there peace is made between God and humankind and among people. Are you afraid of God's wrath? Then go to the Child in the manger and receive there the peace of God. Have you fallen into strife and hatred with your sister or brother? Come and see how God, out of pure love, has become our brother and wants to reconcile us with each other. In the world, power reigns. This Child is the Prince of Peace. Where He is, peace reigns."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer