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"So, Where is the Peace?" (Luke 2:8-14)



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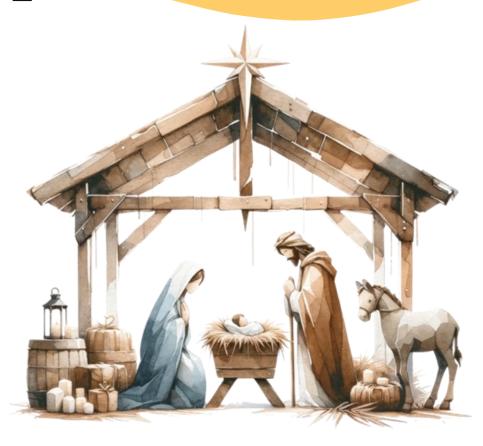
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'To know Christ and make Him known'



"Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." (Luke 2:14)

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December

9AM Colin Lituri

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Thought for the Week

# THE INWARD PEACE OF THE CHRISTIAN

Do you think that you will not be happy if you seek to have your soul saved, and to sit down in the kingdom of heaven? Cast aside the unworthy thought as a lying suggestion of the devil.

There are no people so truly happy as true Christians. Whatever a sneering world may please to say, they have meat to eat which the world knows not, and inward comforts which the world cannot understand. There is no gloominess in true religion, and no religion in looking gloomy, sour, or austere. In spite of cross and conflict, the true Christian has an inward peace compared to which the world has nothing to give; for it is a peace which trouble, bereavement, sickness, and death itself cannot take away. The words of the Master are strictly true,

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world give, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). If men and women want to be truly happy, they should strive to be amongst those who "shall sit down in the kingdom of heaven "

J.C. Ryle

Prayer Points

- Pray that the Lord would move people to come to church over this Christmas period. Pray also that the gospel would be preached over this time and that the lost would be found
- Praise God for Matt's good results, the doctors are saying he is improving and should continue to do, and just needs to keep doing what he is doing
- Praise God for the good turnout and good response to the Christmas Carols last Sunday evening
- Praise God for sending Jesus Christ to be born in this world, and save us from our sins
- "Let me with Simeon clasp the new-born child to my heart, embrace him with undying faith, exulting that he is mine and I am his. In him thou hast given me so much that heaven can give no more." (Valley of Vision)

What's on?

If you would like to know more about our Home Groups, contact Beth Pfeffer 0449 584 284

BIRTHDAYS: 24th Sue Wust, 26th Riley Wilson

MONDAY 5PM Walking Soccer

TUESDAY 6PM Christmas Service



### REGISTRAR FOR SOCCER

This year we are in need of a Registrar for soccer. Shauna is able to do it this year from a distance (praise God), while we find someone and train them up this year (will be mentored by Shauna). We are passionate about seeing this job filled by someone in our church, as the Registrar is a very people oriented job, giving opportunities to build relationships with parents and families. The first 2-3 months can require quite a significant amount of time per week. After that it drops significantly for the remainder of the year. If this interests you, please see Harrison.

#### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

We will be holding Christmas Eve service, but this will be a structured as a normal church service beginning at 6pm.

## NO PRAYER MEETING

There will be no prayer meeting on Wednesday 25th, or Wednesday the 1st January, but will resume again after these dates.

#### BETHLEHEM BARGAINS

It's that time of year again. The Christmas break has begun which means the kids have an opportunity to earn points (stickers) by coming along on a Sunday and doing the activity sheets, which go towards them being able to get some cool prizes at the beginning of term 1 next year.

