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# ARRIVAL

Give Peace  
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## Introduction

Jesus came to earth so we might have an abundant or full life [John 10:10]. Last week, Pastor Chip showed us how God so loved us that He sent His Son Jesus to this earth, so Jesus could sacrifice His life to cover each of our sins so we can live with God in eternity. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" [John 3:16]. This week, Pastor Chip presents the second reason for Jesus coming to the earth, PEACE. The flow of peace comes first from UPWARD peace with God - being made righteous in His sight - that enables us to have INWARD peace which passes all understanding that extends to an OUTWARD peace that aligns with God's will in our actions.

## Discussion

1. UPWARD PEACE **Read Romans 4:22-5:5**. What does upward peace mean? How do we achieve it? How will it affect our lives? Why does it need to come first? Give an example of a time when you experienced upward peace in the midst of turmoil.
2. INWARD PEACE **Read Philippians 4:4-7**. How do we achieve inward peace? How will it affect our lives? Why is this a second step in achieving total peace? Give an example of a time when you experienced this kind of peace despite the circumstances around you.
3. OUTWARD PEACE **Read Philippians 4:8-9**. How do we achieve outward peace? How will it affect our lives? Why can't this be the first step in achieving total peace? What does this kind of peace look like in a Christ follower?

## Think About It

A few weeks ago, I met with my friend and prayer partner. I told Jerry I was so deeply distressed by a problem that I was waking in the night trying to come up with a solution. I explained the circumstances I was facing and hoped my friend could present me with some advice that would bring a solution. I listened intently to his suggestions, but I felt no relief from my frustration. But later as Jerry prayed, "Lord, give Steve peace," the anxiety instantly faded. I was reminded that night God's peace didn't depend on a solution to my problem, but it could be present in the midst of my problem.

## Do Something

1. Think of a problem that deeply frustrates you, and write it on a piece of paper. Write down how you can practically apply each type of peace to this problem and what obstacles stand in the way [pride, fear, trust, etc.]. Pray over this list, and take some steps this week.
2. If there is someone in your circle struggling with peace, reach out to them, share this message and walk beside them through this season.
3. Keep praying for your miracle! Fast on Tuesdays with the entire PLC community this season, and share your stories on **our website!**