

Pastor Roy's Study Questions on "Peace at Christmas" (December 21, 2025)

— *Below are questions to help further our understanding of today's sermon.* —

1. How does the peace of God differ fundamentally from the world's understanding of peace, and why can political leaders never truly deliver lasting peace?
2. In what ways have you experienced the peace that surpasses understanding during your own trials and tribulations, similar to Horatio Spafford's response to tragedy?
3. What does it mean practically to keep your mind stayed on God as described in Isaiah 26:3, and how does this practice produce perfect peace in daily life?
4. How does justification by faith create peace with God according to Romans 5:1, and what was your relationship with God like before experiencing this reconciliation?
5. Why do you think the angels proclaimed peace only among those with whom God is pleased rather than universal peace on earth?
6. How can believers maintain inner peace while living in a world filled with chaos, wars, and constant turmoil, as Jesus promised in John 16:33?
7. What role does contentment play in experiencing God's peace, and how does the constant pursuit of more possessions or status rob us of that peace?
8. How does the submarine illustration help us understand what it means to live below the surface storms of life in the cushion of God's peace?
9. In what ways does unforgiveness and dealing with difficult people threaten our peace, and how should we respond according to Colossians 3:13-15?
10. What does it mean that Jesus himself is our peace according to Ephesians 2:14, and how does this differ from peace being merely a feeling or circumstance?