

## **The Light of Peace**

Colossians 1:15-22

### **Prayer Concerns:**

### **Biblical Peace**

*Wholeness, well-being, contentment, safety, harmony, tranquility, welfare, health, and reconciliation*

### **The Peace of Christ:**

1. Jesus brings peace to our \_\_\_\_\_ through his  
\_\_\_\_\_ [15-17]

2. Jesus brings peace to \_\_\_\_\_ through his  
\_\_\_\_\_. [18]

3. Jesus brings peace with \_\_\_\_\_ through his  
\_\_\_\_\_. [19-22]

*“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all.” [2 Thessalonians 3:16]*

## **Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions**

### **Getting Started:**

1. As you think about the stresses of life, what most often keeps you awake at night?

### **Digging Deeper:**

#### **Read Colossians 1:15-23**

1. What is the difference between the world's definition of peace and biblical peace? How are each attained?
2. Verses 15-17 give a high view of Christology (the person of Christ). How might the character of Jesus described in this passage help your spirit be at rest in all situations? What other character traits about God the Father, Son, and Spirit bring you a sense of internal well-being?
3. Read Ephesians 2:14-16, Colossians 3:15 and Romans 12:18. What do these passages say regarding relationships with those in the church and relationships with those in the world? Is it possible to live at peace with all people? What is our responsibility? How does the cross help us achieve this?

4. Read verses 19-22. What does it mean that we were "enemies" of God. Have you ever understood yourself as his enemy? How does Christ's sacrifice on the cross remove our enemy status? What does he give in its place? How might you use this description to share the gospel this Christmas season?

5. As you approach Christmas, what keeps you from being at peace? Read Philippians 4:6-7. Take some time as a group to present your requests to the Lord that he may grant you contentment and wholeness in your soul.

### **Taking it Home:**

1. Are there any relationships which are out of sorts? What might God be asking you to do to be a person of peace this Christmas?