

Wildwood Baptist Church

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Sharing Christmas with Jesus

Matthew 2:16

Sharing Christmas with Jesus:

- Invites **reconciliation** with God.

Luke 2:13-14

Sharing Christmas with Jesus:

- Invites **peace** in our hearts.

Causes of Conflict:

1. **self-centeredness**
2. false **expectations**

James 4:1-2; Philippians 4:6-7

Sharing Christmas with Jesus:

- Peace relaxes **pressure**.

Isaiah 53:6; Galatians 5:19-23a; Romans 5:10; Isaiah 26:3

Peace Thieves:

Uncontrollable Circumstances: sickness, finances, love

Unchanging People: those who refuse to try anything different

Unexpected Losses: death, lay-offs, disappointing results

Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; That I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him, Forever in the next. Amen

- Reinhold Niebuhr

Proverbs 3:5-6

Sharing Christmas with Jesus:

- Means accepting His **gift**.

2 Corinthians 9:15

