

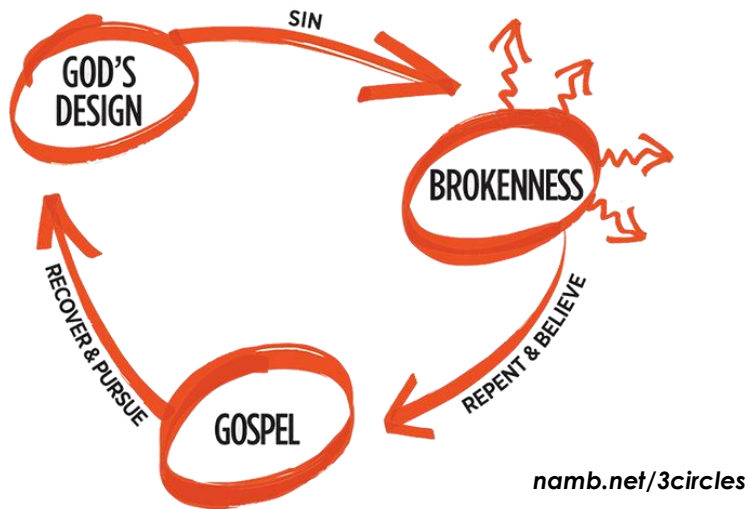
“Peace on Earth?”

Matthew 10:34-39; Luke 2:8-14

Today's BIG IDEA:

True peace requires a tough choice.

1. The _____ of peace (Luke 2:8-14)
(Ephesians 2:1-3,13-14a)



2. The _____ with peace (Matthew 10:34-36)

- *Gaining peace with God might mean losing peace with others.*

3. The _____ to peace (Matthew 10:37-39)

A. _____ Jesus supremely (v.37)

B. _____ your cross daily (v.38)
(Galatians 2:20)

- *The path to peace requires being willing to die to yourself.*

C. _____ forward to glory (v.39)

- *Those who grasp at the world will come away empty-handed, but those who cling to the cross will find peace.*

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Is your life marked by the peace of Christ? If so, how? If not, why not?
2. Has following Jesus caused conflict between you and your family/friends? How has Jesus been faithful in your conflict?
3. Why is following Jesus worth it, even in the face of persecution and hardship?