

Morning Lesson

THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE

Col. 3:15

INTRO:

1. "Peace on earth, goodwill to men..."
2. Jesus is the Prince of Peace. **Isa. 9:6**

I. IT IS GOOD AND PLEASANT.

A. **Psalm 133:1**

B. Illus: Soldier was wounded in battle. "Did you fall at once?"
"No. The other men saw that I was wounded and they gathered around so close that I could not fall."

II. STRENGTH.

A. **Prov. 30:24-28** Strength for good comes from the unity of God's people.

B. **Matt. 12:25**

III. GROWTH.

A. When people are involved, problems will occur; but when they are handled according to God's instructions, blessing will follow. **Acts 6:7**

B. After the matter of the Gentiles being compelled to follow portions of the Law of Moses was worked through, the church grew. **Acts 16:5**

IV. JOY.

A. Happiness comes from doing God's will in God's way.

B. **Rom. 14:17** Righteousness, peace, and joy must come in that order.

C. A right relationship with God will result in peace on earth, good will among men, which produces joy both on earth and in heaven.

CONC:

1. Let's work to achieve and maintain peace.
2. We will be blessed as a result.