**Peace on Earth?**

“Clearing up misconceptions about Jesus’ mission to earth.”

**Text**: **Luke 12:49-53**, “**49**“I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! **50**I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! **51**Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. **52**For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. **53**They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” **English Standard Version**

*Rightly understanding Christ’s mission requires you to*…

**Point#1**: **Recognize** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**! **vv.49-50**

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**Point#2**: **Recognize** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**! **vv.51-53**

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**Point#3**: **Choose** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**! **vv.51-53**

**Corollary Verses**: Revelation 5:8-9; Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 2:14; Romans 5:1; John 14:6; John 3:36; John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; and John 15:18-19.

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1. Read **Isaiah 53:3-12**; **1 Peter 2:19-24**; and **Hebrews 2:9-14**, **9:22** then answer the following questions. Why was it necessary for the Messiah to suffer and die? Why was it necessary for the suffering to be so excruciatingly painful? From **Isaiah 53**, list as many theological topics as you can, if you are not able to skip this particular question.
2. Read **Jeremiah 25:15-17**; **Luke 22:42** and **Revelation 14:10** then answer the following questions. When Jesus was in the garden of Gethsemane and he prayed and asked God to remove the cup from him, what cup is he referring to? Why was it necessary for Jesus to experience the wrath of God on the cross? How does it make you feel to know that he bore the wrath you deserved?
3. Read **John 9:16**; **Acts 28:31**; **Daniel 12:2** and **John** **5:28-29,** then answer the following questions. Why did divisions arise between the Pharisees in John 9:16? Identify the argument for each side. In Acts 28:24-28, how did God use division to advance the gospel? Daniel and John divide people into two groups, what are they and in what group would you place yourself into and why?
4. Read **Matthew 7:13-14**; **John 10:7-16**; and **Matthew 25:31-46** then answer the following questions. Part of Jesus’ ministry is to divide and separate people. What role does the gospel play and how can it transfer a person from one group to another? Do any of these verses identify a difference in size between the two groups? What does the smaller size reveal? Who is the one who will ultimately separate people from one another? How does that make you feel and are you motivated to do anything about it?