

# “Ending in Peace”

Sermon  
Luke 2:28-32

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## 1) DEPARTING in pieces .

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid.” *Luke 2:9-10*

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. *Psalms 46:1-3*

## 2) ENDING in peace .

Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.” *Luke 2:28-29*

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ... *Romans 5:1*

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7*

## 3) KNOW JESUS, know peace .

(Simeon said), “For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.” *Luke 2:30-32*

(Jesus said), “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” *John 14:27*

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. *Colossians 3:15*