

Sermon Series:
Today's Message:
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Advent
Peace
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Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**.

JESUS is PEACE.

Luke 2:13-14

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

Matthew 1:21-23

²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

JESUS offers eternal PEACE.

Romans 5:1-2

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Ephesians 2:13-17

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our **peace**, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached **peace** to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

PEACE is available wherever Jesus is EMBRACED.

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the **peace** of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Peace on Earth:

- 1. Recognize that God is present**
- 2. Align yourself with God's promises**
- 3. Embrace an eternal perspective**
- 4. Don't own other's responses or outcomes**

2 Thessalonians 3:16

¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

Application Challenge:

What area of your life do you desire peace? Ask God to remind you of His constant presence, hope, and eternal plans in the midst of conflict, chaos, or busyness.