

Advent - Week 2 - Peace

Psalm 85:10 Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed.

The 1st Advent – Relational Peace Established

Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

Colossians 1:20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

Peace Defined:

- *Hebrew:* Shalom - Peace, prosperity, wholeness, success
 - *Webster's:* Tranquility, freedom from disquieting / oppressive thoughts or emotions, relational harmony
 - *Greek:* One definition speaks of national peace from war; One definition speaks of harmony between individuals; Another definition speaks of security, safety, prosperity, (because peace and harmony make and keep things safe and prosperous). Spiritually, the definition is this: The tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Jesus, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is
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Peace between nations

Matthew 10:34 Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword

Luke 12:51 Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division.

Peace in creation

Mark 4:39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

Physical peace in our bodies

Luke 8:48 And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

Emotional Peace

Leviticus 26:6 I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none will make you afraid; I will rid the land of evil beasts, and the sword will not go through your land.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Relational Peace

John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Job 22:21 Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; Thereby good will come to you.

The effect of experiencing Jesus' peace

Effect #1: We smell like Jesus

2 Corinthians 2:15-16 For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life.

Effect #2: Quietness and assurance

Isaiah 32:17 The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

Effect #3 - Co-laboring for peace

Psalms 34:14 Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

Matthew 5:9 TPT How joyful you are when you make peace! For then you will be recognized as a true child of God.

Romans 12:18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

A picture of peace from 1st John

1 Jn 4:17-19 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.

Theme Verses from First John

1 John 4:4 TPT Little children, you can be certain that you belong to God and have conquered them, for the One who is living in you is far greater than the one who is in the world.

1 John 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

Color = White

- Purity. Unfiltered light. Heaven clothes

Revelation 1:14 His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire

Practical Peace Thoughts:

Psalms 72:7 In His days the righteous shall flourish, And abundance of peace, Until the moon is no more.

Isaiah 26:3 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

1 Corinthians 14:13 For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

Ephesians 2:14a For He Himself is our peace...

Philippians 4:7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way.