

## Advent - Peace

John 14:27

*<sup>27</sup> "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."*

**Jesus's peace is grace fueled, and worldly peace is self-fueled.**

Luke 2:8-15

*<sup>8</sup> That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, <sup>10</sup> but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. <sup>11</sup> The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! <sup>12</sup> And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."*

*<sup>13</sup> Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,*

*<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in highest heaven,  
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."*

*<sup>15</sup> When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."*

Isaiah 9:6-7a

For a child is born to us,  
a son is given to us.

The government will rest on his shoulders.

And he will be called:

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> His government and its peace

will never end.

### **The arrival of Jesus means peace.**

**Because of his work on the cross, we are able to have peace with God.**

2 Corinthians 5:21

*<sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Ephesians 6:15

*<sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.*

Galatians 5:22-23

*<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control;*

**The closer we are to Christ the more peace we have.**

Philippians 4:7

*<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

**The peace we have in Christ surpasses all understanding.**

**When we are walking with the peace of God, Jesus is attractive to others.**

Matthew 5:9

*Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called sons of God.*

Romans 8:5-6

*<sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.*

**Let us be peacemakers, because of the peace that Christ brought us.**