

Advent: Peace

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SERMON NOTES

Advent means *arrival* or *appearance*

Advent:

- Unconditional love of God in Christ
- Unquenchable joy of God in Christ
- Unbounded hope of God in Christ
- Unshakable peace of God in Christ

“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

‘Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those
with whom he is pleased!’”

- *Luke 2:10-14*

- Peace with others
- Peace within
- Peace with God
- Peace of God

Advent Peace

Philippians 4:1-9

How we can know Advent peace:

1. Prescriptions for peace
2. Proscription for peace
3. Promises of peace

Prescriptions for peace:

- Stand firm in the Lord (v. 1)
- Live in harmony in the Lord (v. 2)
- Rejoice in the Lord (v. 4)
- Be widely recognized as kind, gentle, considerate (v. 5)
- Pray about everything (v. 6)
- Pray with thanksgiving (v. 6)
- Discipleship with discipline (v. 9)
- Think/let your mind dwell on T.H.R.P.L.E. things:
 - True
 - Honorable
 - Right
 - Pure
 - Lovely
 - Excellence

Proscription for peace:

Don't be anxious about anything (v. 6)

Prayer offers us heaven's antidote for anxiety and anger.

Promises

- There is a book of life
- The Lord is always near
- The salvation of God results in us being at peace *with* God
- The peace of God will surpass your understanding
- The peace of God will guard your heart and mind
- The peace of God flows from living in union with Christ Jesus
- The peace of God will be with you

“And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

- *Philippians 4:7*

“The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.”

- *Philippians 4:9*

“He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.” - *Psalms 91:1-2*

“You keep him in perfect peace
whose mind is stayed on You,
because he trusts in You.
Trust in the LORD forever,
for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.”

- *Isaiah 26:3-4*

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

- *John 14:27*

“Restlessness and impatience change nothing except our peace and joy. Peace does not dwell in outward things, but in the heart prepared to wait trustfully and quietly on Him who has all things safely in His hands.”

- Elisabeth Elliot

“There is no peace like the peace of those whose minds are possessed with full assurance that they have known God, and God has known them, and that this relationship guarantees God’s favor to them in life, through death and on forever.”

- J.I. Packer