

Advent: Peace

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SERMON NOTES

“Advent” - arrival or appearance

Advent

- Unbounded love of God in Christ
- Unquenchable joy of God in Christ
- Inextinguishable 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

Advent Peace

Philippians 4:1-9

To find Advent peace...

1. Prescriptions for peace
2. Proscriptions 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 known as reasonable (v. 5)

- Pray about everything (v. 6)
- Pray with thanksgiving (v. 6)
- Discipleship with discipline (v. 9)

Prescriptions for peace:

Think/let your mind dwell on T.H.R.P.L.E. things:

- True
- Honorable
- Right
- Pure
- Lovely
- Excellence

Proscriptions for peace:

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

Promises

- There is a book of life
- The Lord is near
- The peace of God results from 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 is found 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*

“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*

“These are the great purposes for the coming of Jesus. Glory ever ascending from man; peace ever descending from God.”

- John Piper

“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