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1 Group The Good News of Adven...

[We have been] so distracted by the phony war between left and right, conservatives and liberals, we have failed to notice that a new power had seized control of both our imaginations and the halls of power.
Mark Sayers

2 Group

"Through the mythologies of advertising, media, the Internet, and the instructive example of celebrity, a vast mental world is daily constructed in our minds, painting the possibility of a godless utopia—a secular heaven on earth in which an individual life infused with pleasure, peace, and possibility is achievable this side of death."
Mark Sayers

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Luke 2v1-7

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Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are small among the clans of Judah; one will come from you to be ruler over Israel for me. His origin is from antiquity, from ancient times.
Micah 5v2 (CSB)

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He will stand and shepherd them in the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD his God. They will live securely, for then his greatness will extend to the ends of the earth. He will be their peace.
Micah 5v4-5 (CSB)

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Peace is the **person** and **presence** of Jesus, with us.

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Peace is a state of calm and rest, well-being, *shalom*.

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Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Romans 5v1 (CSB)

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Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,
And may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Thessalonians 5v23 (CSB)

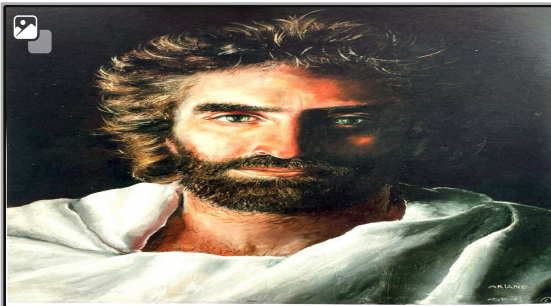
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[Peace] is a conception distinctly peculiar to Christianity, the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatever sort that is.
J. Thayer

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Peace is experienced in **the Person**.

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13 Group Prince of Peace Paintin...

The peace of Jesus impacts our **hearts** and **actions**.

14 Group

"And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts."
Colossians 3v15

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4v7

"You will keep the mind that is dependent on you in perfect peace, for it is trusting in you."
Isaiah 26v3

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Holy Spirit, I still my mind, my heart and my life, that I may be attentive to your voice, welcoming the arrival of your supra-circumstantial, abundant and eternal peace.

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