

The Prince of Peace Advent 2023  
The Pursuit and Practice of Peace.

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**Definition of Peace:**

Isaiah 9:6,7 (LSB)

6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. 7 There will be no end to the increase of [His] government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will accomplish this.

**1. True \_\_\_\_\_ will only ever be found in Christ.**

**Study of Mark 1:1-8 (LSB)**

Mark 1:1-3 (LSB)

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY; 3 THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.'"

Mark 8:27-29 (LSB), Isaiah 40:3 (LSB), Malachi 3:1 (LSB)

Malachi 4:5-6 (LSB), John 1:21-23 (LSB),

Matthew 11:11-14 (LSB), Luke 1:16-17 (LSB)

**2. The origin of the Gospel is found in \_\_\_\_\_.**

Mark 1:4-5 (LSB)

4 John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And all the region of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

**3. Wholeness begins with \_\_\_\_\_ of where we are broken.**

Mark 1:6-8 (LSB)

6 And John was clothed with camel's hair and [wore] a leather belt around his waist and was eating locusts and wild honey. 7 And he was preaching, saying, "After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the strap of His sandals. 8 "I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

2 Kings 1:8 (LSB), Zechariah 13:4 (LSB), Acts 1:5 (LSB)

**4. The good news is that \_\_\_\_\_ things are made \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.**

**The Practice and Pursuit of Peace.**

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ is not peace. Luke 12:51-53 (LSB)
2. Peace can only be found in the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Peace is an \_\_\_\_\_ pursuit. 1 Peter 3:10-12 (LSB), Matthew 5:9 (LSB)

\*Expanded notes are available in the foyer.