

Attainable Peace

2021 Advent Sermon Series: "Why Christmas"
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I. Distant

Key Truth: _____ Is _____

II. Peace Forsaken

Genesis 4:8-14

Point: _____ What Untold Millions _____ Seek

III. Peace Proclaimed

Isaiah 9:6-7

Point: The _____ Brings _____ To the _____

IV. Peace Personified

Matthew 1:21-23

Point: _____ Means We Can Have _____ Anywhere

V. He Will Take Care Of You

Mid-Week Devotion (Take time this week to pray & respond to the following)

Peace is more than the absence of conflict. True peace is a condition of the heart, mind and spirit that persists regardless of circumstance. The present world system asserts that power, pleasure and prestige can provide the peace for which the human heart longs. In the end however, these pursuits leave one empty and oftentimes, alone.

At Christmastime we are reminded that the incarnate Son of God came into the world to bring authentic and abiding peace. This form of peace is not earned; it is freely given to all who accept. Through it, our hearts are secured from being overcome by fear and trouble. Its presence in our lives testifies as a witness to the world that God is sovereign over all creation.

Have you experienced the authentic & abiding peace of God? Is your heart secure from fear and trouble because the Holy Spirit has fortified your heart with true peace? Are you sharing this peace with others—encouraging the downtrodden & testifying of God's love to the broken-hearted? When was the last time you took the opportunity to share the peace of a relationship with Christ to an unbelieving acquaintance, friend or family member?

Prayerfully express your thankfulness to God that through the Prince of Peace, we gain the security of knowing that our sins have been forgiven. Ask God to give you opportunities this Christmas to both show and share the peace of Christ with the world around you. Commit to be a peacemaker in your community, family, church, school and workplace. Resolve to trust and rely more deeply on God for His abiding peace in the coming year.