

The Arrival Week # 1 Waiting on the Prince of Peace.

CITY CHURCH **John 14:27, Is. 9:6, 26:3-4**



Sticky Statement: PEACE ISN'T FOUND IN THE ABSENCE OF PROBLEMS, BUT IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

Advent" = "Arrival. Coming or Appearing.
A season of waiting and preparation"

Why do we see peace <u>everywhere</u> around us at Christmas, but can't seem to find it <u>anywhere</u> in our lives?

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." **John 14:27**

Relational Discipleship Moment. Experience John 14:26 Reflect on ... "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you."

Q: What anxious thought or circumstance this Christmas is keeping you from waiting and resting on the Prince of Peace?

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and <u>Prince of Peace</u>." Isaiah 9:6

Prince of Peace= "sar shalom"

"Sar" = "the one in charge. "Shalom"= rest, tranquility, wholeness.

THE "PRINCE OF PEACE" CAN GIVE US 2 TYPES OF PEACE TODAY...

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²¹ "God made him (Jesus)," who had no sin <u>to be sin for us</u>, so that in him <u>we might become</u> the righteousness of God." **2 Corinthians 5:21**

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not

prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'" Matt 7:21-23

It's NOT ENOUGH to know Jesus ... the question is DOES JESUS KNOW YOU? You can absolutely have a "rational" relationship with Jesus but not ever have a real relationship with him.

2. JESUS GIVES US THE PEACE GOD.

"You will keep in <u>perfect peace</u> ALL, who trust in you, all whose thoughts are <u>fixed on you!</u> ⁴ Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock." **Isaiah 26:3-4 NLT**

perfect peace = "shalom, shalom"... perfect and unbroken peace; both inward and outward peace.

fixed = "samak" ... to lean on completely.

WHERE YOU LEAN IS WHERE YOU LAND.

Relational Discipleship Moment. Engage

Q: Are you trying to control something that's not yours to control?

God, would you show me where am I trying to control something that's not mine? God, show me any areas in my life where I'm getting in Your way, we're I am trying to control. The area I am trying to control is...

DO THE WORD: ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, ... will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Q What's keeping you from experiencing "shalom shalom" this morning? Q: What area of your life is missing peace? Are you trying to control something that's not yours to control? Will you surrender that area to God?

Join us starting Dec 8th in our Advent: Through the Word Bible Study.