

*“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace of earth...”*

Luke 2:14

**According to the Bible, peace is NOT...**

- Found in a **PLACE**
- A tranquil **FEELING**
- Dependent on your **CIRCUMSTANCES**
- The absence of **TROUBLE**

**According to the Bible, peace IS...**

- Found in a **PERSON**

“God... made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ’s blood on the cross.” Colossians 1:19-20-

“For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies will make this happen!” Isaiah 9:6-7

1. His name is **JESUS**
  2. He is a peaceful **KING**
  3. Who **COMES** in peace
  4. To **ESTABLISH** peace
- A **GIFT** of God from God

“I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled!” John 14:27

“Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.” Romans 5:1

**According to the Bible, peace IS...(cont’d)**

- The **FRUIT** of a life fully surrendered to God

“Oh, that you had listened to my commands! Then you would have had peace flowing like a gentle river and righteousness rolling over you like waves in the sea.” Isaiah 48:18

“The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23

“Letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.” Romans 8:6

- A call to **ACTION**

“God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.” Matthew 5:9

“Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord.” Hebrews 12:14

“Search for peace, and work to maintain it.” 1 Peter 3:11

**An Advent Challenge...**

- **BE peace**

“Peace with God is the starting place of peace with others.”

“The chief reason for the absence of peace among human beings is the absence of peace between God and human beings through sin.”

- **By making SPACE for Peace**

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

“Taste the grace of now.” Ann Voskamp

“May the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all.” 2 Thessalonians 3:16