

**What do you...**

*Crave?*

# Peace

SEASON OF ADVENT



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,  
Prince of Peace.

(Isaiah 9:6 NIV)

Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those  
on whom his favor rests.

**Luke 2:14**





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

- The promise of eternal peace to all believers in the midst of troubles
- The inner peace or calmness in your heart despite troubles
- Worry less and fear not, but depend on God in all circumstances
- Replace fear with peace by trusting in Jesus



God took the initiative in pursuing peace with us by sending His Son to earth.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6), and He is the One who gives us peace with God.

It's a restored relationship between Heavenly Father and earthly child, made possible because Christ has guaranteed our peace with God.

Peace with God is the first step towards getting other types of peace.



- The peace with God is what leads into the peace within.
- Peace within is the fruit of the Holy Spirit.
- This peace calms us when troubles or anxieties seem overwhelming.







***If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.***

**Romans 12:18 (NIV)**

# Peace with Others

- It is easier to relate peacefully with relations and friends when we have peace ruling our hearts.
- Peace with others is the kind of peace we have to demonstrate when people around us offend us.
- Romans 12:18 tells us to never be the reason for an un-peaceable relationship with another person.





The Pathway to Peace

Pray for Peace



*Finding Peace*



## The Peace of God



DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING,  
BUT IN EVERY SITUATION, BY *prayer*  
& PETITION, WITH *thanksgiving*,  
PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD.

AND THE  
*peace of God*  
WHICH TRANSCENDS

ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL  
*guard your hearts*  
AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.

- Philippians 4:6-7

- Feeling anxious? God tells us to pray about everything and bring every concern to Him.
- Prayer gives us the opportunity to leave our burdens with God.
- God promises that if we turn to Him in difficult times, He will give us a peace beyond understanding.
- And this peace will be a guard—or protector—of our hearts and minds.

# Discussion Questions

1. What have you been craving/longing for that cannot be satisfied with food, things, or people?
2. Where have you been sensing a lack of peace in your own life recently?
3. How much of your own sense of peace is related to circumstances, relationships, or inner calm instead of the Lord?
4. How can you be more aware and sensitive to God's peace on a daily basis?
5. From your own personal experience, what has God shown you from His word, or through spiritual disciplines (e.g., praying, fasting, journaling, etc.) that has helped minister peace to your soul?
6. What's the difference between having peace with God and feeling peaceful? Are they always present together?
7. How does God change a person's life such that they have peace with God even amidst the chaos of the world around us?