



There are some gifts that everyone needs but no one gets too excited about. Instead of the gift that you had been hoping for, you find socks and underwear – a gift that you really need, but not necessarily the one you were hoping for.

We hope you and your family will be able to join us at one of our Christmas Eve services for a fun and meaningful reflection on the greatest Gift ever given.

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Be at Peace

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Luke 2:6-18 NIV/NKJV/NLT

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

*An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you **good news** that will cause **great joy** for **all the people**." "For **unto you** is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished,"

John 14:27 NKJV

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the **peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

1. **Peace with God.**

Romans 3:23 NLT

For everyone has sinned: we all fall short of God's glorious standards.

Romans 8:16-17 NIV

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

2. **Peace of God.**

Philippians 4:7 ESV

*...and the **peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

John 16:33 NKJV

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

Isaiah 26:3 NIV

*You will keep in **perfect peace** those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.*

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: PEACE

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 or afraid.

John 14:27 NLT

The Christmas season always seems to be more frantic than any other time of the year - the Christmas concerts, the shopping, prepping for travel or hosting company. There is something about this time of year that raises the collective stress level of everybody around.

What is interesting is that this feeling of frenzy is the exact opposite of what this season is meant to be. While the world around us spins with parties, the presents, all the prep and planning, we wonder how we will get it all done, because we have nothing left to give. The Advent season calls us to pause, to take note that for us Jesus came, that we may have peace

As we continue the journey through Advent take some time to ask;

- **Is there something in life that is causing me stress or worry?**
- **Have I asked Jesus to join me in those situations or circumstances or have I been trying to deal with them on my own?**

His promise for us is that He is our peace. In each and every situation we have the opportunity to choose peace that rests on His unchanging nature. It is embraced as we receive the gift of Emmanuel- God with us. For to us a child is born, a son is given and he will be called Prince of Peace.