

THE ADVENT 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, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 NIV

He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And he will be their peace. Micah 5:4,5a NIV

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 NIV

He...will be a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall. And for the people of Jerusalem he will be a trap that entangles them. Many of them will stumble and fall, never to rise again. Many will be captured. Isaiah 8:14b,15 NLT

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7 NIV

Shalom means _____

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. John 16:33 NIV

And he will be their peace. Micah 5:5 NIV

For he himself is our peace...Ephesians 2:14 NIV

Jesus didn't come and bring Peace, Jesus

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:5 NIV

Pursue Peace _____

“Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men.”

Luke 2:14 World English Bible

God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.

Matthew 5:9 NLT

Experience Peace _____

This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts...1 John 3:19,20a NIV

Embrace the _____

For since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by his life. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God—all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God.

Romans 5:10,11 NLT

You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord is the Rock eternal. Isaiah 26:3,4 NIV

QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

- *Where do you experience the most conflict during the holiday season?*
- *Read Philippians 4:7 – how does His peace guard your heart and mind?*
- *“Jesus didn’t come and bring peace, Jesus IS peace” - discuss this statement.*
- *What are ways you feel you could pursue peace with others?*
- *How does peace within yourself look this Christmas season?*