

**Introduction:**

**1. God defines peace - *shalom***      soundness, internal prosperity

Our greatest enemy to that peace – sin.    Job 14:21  
“Peace on earth and mercy mild, God & sinners reconciled!”

**2. How we receive that peace** - amazing plan of Advent: God with us!  
Wonderful counselor  
Mighty God  
Everlasting Father  
Prince of Peace - messianic kingdom    Isaiah 11:6-9

**3. Receiving & Keeping the gift of peace happens by grace—God giving it**  
- You must willingly be humbled in order to receive it as God's gift for you.  
2Corinthians 8:9

- You must put on the gift of peace, wear it as a prized, precious gift  
John 14:27  
Colossians 3:15  
Philippians 4:7  
These passages call us to active making a place for God's rule of peace in us

**4. We need His peace to penetrate our daily living. Count all the times you plan or jump in to having control of a matter.** Butterflies in stomach, pressure headache, upset stomach, sleepless rehashing in mind. But Christ's rule of peace in our hearts is his jealous love for us—no substitutes for Him!

**Isaiah 26:3-4** “You will keep in perfect peace the one whose mind steadfastly trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for in God the Lord we have an everlasting Rock, our **Rock of peace.**”

Have you confessed your sin to God and received from Him the gift of forgiveness and life in His Son Jesus Christ? Let Him be in control!

**For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.**