

# Advent: Peace

Isaiah 9:6-7

## MAIN IDEAS

Why is Jesus described as The Prince of Peace?

- His sovereign goodness
- His overcoming power grants us an overcoming peace
- He stands ready to give peace
- He loves and cares for his subjects
- He will bring total, everlasting peace
- He sacrifices himself for the sake of his people

Isaiah 9:6-7 refers to Jesus as the Prince of Peace. What does this mean?

His authority is without limit and His sovereign goodness means that all his ways are good. How does Christ the King's sovereign goodness produce peace in the hearts of his subjects?

Our lives will not be free of trouble. How does Jesus stand ready to give peace? Consider Philippians 4:6-7, John 14:27, and Psalm 61:1-3.

How does Jesus love and care for His subjects? Consider Luke 12:22-32 and 1 Peter 5:7.

According to Revelation 21:3-4, what does total, everlasting peace look like?

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

How does Christ's sovereign goodness produce peace in your heart? Describe a time when you were especially aware of this.

According to 1 Peter 5:7, we are told to cast our anxieties onto Christ. Describe a time when you did this. Have you ever been reluctant to do this?

What makes you anxious? What anxieties do you need to cast upon the Lord? In his letter to the Philippians (Philippians 4), Paul reminds us not to be anxious, but instead to

make our requests known to God with prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. What requests do you need to make known to the Lord?

How does the promise of everlasting peace described in Revelation 21:3-4 comfort you?

Pray:

- Confess any areas of your life where you feel anxious or out of sorts. Ask God to envelop you with His peace that transcends all human understanding.
- Ask God to show places in your life where you fail to cast your cares on Him.

## REPRODUCE

Consider times when God has given you peace. Share your story with others.

Encourage others with verses that give you peace.

## KEY VERSES

- Isaiah 9:6-7
- Luke 2:8-14
- Colossians 3:14-15
- John 16:33
- Philippians 4:6-7
- Psalm 61:1-3
- Matthew 11:28-30
- 1 Peter 5:7
- Luke 12:22-32
- Revelation 21:3-4
- John 14:27