

12/05/21 2nd Advent: Galatians 5:13-26 Title: Peace

Introduction: What does peace make you think of? How would you describe peace?

“Harmony in personal relations” Dictionary By Miriam-webster

“Absence of civil disturbance or hostilities, or a personality free from internal and external strife. The biblical concept of peace is larger than that and rests heavily on the Hebrew root shalom, which means "to be complete" or "to be sound." **Baker’s Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology** Edited by Walter A. Elwell 1997

Context: Today is the second week in Advent, where we focus our attention on the theme of peace. Peace is also the third character quality that Paul lists in Galatians Chapter 5. In the passage of Scripture, we have a list of characteristics that God desires to produce in us as we allow the Holy Spirit to be in control of our lives.

Christmas Peace: I recognize that Christmas peace is true for some of us and not true for some of us. But for those of us who have no peace, where do we find this Christmas peace?

“the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time” (Romans 8:22).

In Genesis Chapter 3 and 4 tell us Adam and Eve’s bad choices have wreaked havoc on peaceful relationships. God said that conflict and strife would continue between the man and woman. But right from the beginning, God has had a plan to restore shalom in Christ Jesus!

Conclusion:



Peace as one of the Fruits of the Spirit:

1. The fruit of the Spirit is peace. (Galatians Chapter 5).

2. We cannot produce the fruit of peace on our own. This spiritual fruit of peace is only produced in our lives as we are connected to Jesus. Jesus said, "Apart from me you can do nothing," but when we are connected to Him we will "bear much fruit." (John 15:5).

"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