



Advent Devotional - Peace

In today's world we hear much about peace. The old joke is that this is what beauty pageant contestants desire more than anything. And it very well may represent all people worldwide, is there anything more sought after than peace? But, what kind of peace? I see two that are possible. The most thought of between the two is the absence of bombing, killing, or aggression of any sort. That is certainly a worthwhile pursuit and one definitely found in scripture. Paul says in Romans 12:18, **If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.**

But I believe there is a more important goal to aim for, that is a "peace that passes understanding". Jesus tells us in the Gospel of John, 14:27 **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.** This is a peace that transcends the headlines of today's news. A peace that cannot be obtained by world leaders, it is, as stated, that which can only be offered by our risen Saviour. Col 3:15 **Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.**

The peace that we can find through Jesus allows us, regardless of worldly circumstances, to enjoy peace. Encourage others at this time of year by helping them find this peace in Christ.

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