

Spiritual Growth Questions for December 6, 2020

Advent 2020: Come Lord Jesus Come
Peace through Surrender
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Opener: Share your favorite verse on peace.

1. **Read the following Messianic prophecies:** Seed of Abraham- Genesis 12:3 Prophet like Moses Deuteronomy 18:15 Born in Bethlehem Judah Micah 5:2 Born of a virgin Isaiah 7:14 Throne starting with David and his lineage but will last forever. 2 Sam.7:16 Isaiah 53:5 He would be pierced and crushed for our transgressions. Discuss the Old Testament meaning of “shalom” and how it was interpreted and longed for.
2. **Read Romans 5:1-2, Colossians 2:13-15.** How is possible to make peace with our past from these verses? How would you explain this to someone who has guilt and shame for their past? Share what steals your peace. What helps you guard your peace?
3. **Read John 14:27, Isaiah 48:18, Jeremiah 6:14, John 16:33.** Make observations about peace. How God’s peace different than the world’s peace? How is it lost? How is it kept? What helps you guard the peace of Christ in your daily walk?
4. **Reflect on Matthew 6:10, Matthew 26:39.** How does peace come from surrender? Spend time in prayer surrendering peace stealers to God. Pray these verses over your life, your family and friends.

Scripture: Read the passage three times with an open heart and ask the Lord Jesus to speak to you.

Observation: Write down what you see in this passage. Make as many observations as you can.

Application: Write down how you will be different because of what you have just read. Look for lessons to be learned, examples to be followed and promises to be enjoyed. How is Jesus revealed?

Prayer: Write out a short prayer.

II. **Read the following scripture: Isaiah 26:3-4, Philippians 4:4-9** Choose one of the passages and apply the S.O.A.P. study method.

Prayer: Personalize these verses and pray them over your life and the lives of those on the journey with you.

Luke 1:79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Matthew 6:10. Your kingdom come, you will be done on earth as it is heaven.

Matthew 26:39- My Father, if it be possible let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.

As we celebrate advent together, we are grateful that the long awaited Savior of the world came over 2000 years ago to bring God’s peace to all who call on His name. The relationship between God and humans had been broken due to man’s sin and rebellion. “The Old Testament of the Bible contains 127 Messianic predictions involving three thousand verses, with 574 referring to personal Messiah,” J. Barton Payne. Advent captures the anticipation of our Savior Jesus. Today, we will consider that because Jesus has come, peace with God is available. The broken relationship between humans and God can be restored and the broken relationships between persons can be reconciled. As we place our faith and trust in Jesus, we experience a connection to peace that is divinely inspired. Peace actually comes to us as we surrender to Jesus. Grace and peace to you and your loved ones!

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John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 16:33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

Ephesians 2:14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,

Big Idea: Peace has come to restore, guard, and overcome. Peace comes through surrender.

Key Questions: How do I receive God’s gift of peace? How can I walk in peace? How can I overcome with so much chaos around me?

I. Peace has come to _____ what is broken.

Genesis 3:5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

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Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Peace defined- “Shalom”- Hebrew.

”Eirene”- Greek

Isaiah 9:6 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**. 7 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.

Romans 5:1-2 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Our focus needs to change if we will have His peace, instead of what we have done or what has been done to us to what Jesus Christ has done for us.

Peace has come! Peace comes through surrender to Christ!

II. Peace has come to _____ our souls.

Luke 1:79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” Matthew 1:23

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. .(Jeremiah 6:14)

“Nobody can take your peace from you. If you have lost your peace, you have lost it for one main reason – your surrendered it” Charles Stanley

Peace stealers: fear, satan, sin, losing your focus, hurrying

Isaiah 48:18 Oh that you had paid attention to my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea;

Philippians 4:6-7: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- God’s peace comes from the Holy Spirit because of the work of Jesus.
- Peace comes in the security of our relationship with God through Jesus.
- The world can’t give this kind of peace only God can!

Peace Guardians: Prayer, confessing sins, Bible Study, small group, fellowship, service and accountability. **Peace comes through surrender to Christ!**

III. Peace has to come to help us _____ in trials.

John 16:33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Fear says what if. Faith says even if.

Psalms 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. (KJV)

Ephesians 2:14 For he himself is our peace.

God’s peace will supersede your own understanding and logic.
God’s peace is not meant to be understood but just experienced.

Isaiah 26:3 You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. 4 Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock. (Not my will but Your will be done).

Peace Declarations: Good news: I can have peace with my past how: through his broken body and the shed blood of Jesus.
Good news: I can have peace right now because Jesus has promised to never leave me or forsake me.
Good news: I can experience peace all the days of my life because I look forward to the king of kings and lord of Lords coming again.

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2 Thessalonians 3:16 Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.