

Family Advent Celebration

Week Four

Before you read this Advent devotion, relight the other candles asking family members what each candle stands for/name. (Hope, Love, Joy)

PEACE

Peace: The inner tranquility and poise of the Christ-follower whose trust is in God through Christ.

*"I will listen to what God the LORD will say; he promises **peace** to his people, his saints..."*

Psalm 85:8

What is it about that word? Better yet, what is it about that condition that attracts all people from all walks of life?

It seems we all want it, many of us believe "*it is not attainable*," others believe it will only happen in the "*here after*" and a whole bunch of us say "*surely this little baby, whose birth we celebrate once a year, cannot possibly bring it.*"

So, let's get back to the Baby whose birthday we celebrate each year in December. As a way to search for the answers we seek: what is this condition of Peace for which we long? What is more peaceful than a sleeping infant? Not much. Given the resilience of an infant, most of them can survive a lot of stuff. Things like noise, temperature changes, location changes, hunger (thanks to the invention of pacifiers) to name a few.

That baby boy born in a barn, wrapped in rags, lying in hay; stable animals surrounding Him; He knows all about the things, the stuff of this life that can attempt to rob us of our "*Peace*." He is willing to share that with each of us, this ability to have Peace at all times, at all places, in all circumstances. He longs for us to experience it as much as we long to have it.

He is our Peace. We cannot have Peace in any other way! It is a Peace that will never be taken from us no matter what the stuff of this world can hurl at us. Take this Peace into your situation. You will not be disappointed, if you are looking for true Peace.

"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."

John 14:27

Have a family member light the candle of Peace and then pray.