**2. Peace Once FORGIVEN.**

***21****She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,*

*because he will* ***save his people from their sins****.”* Matthew 1:21

***22****But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,* ***peace****, forbearance, kindness, goodness faithfulness,****23****gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law*. Galatians 5:22-23

**3. Peace PROMISED.**

***22****All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had* ***said through the prophet****:****23****“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).* Matthew 1:22-23

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virginwill conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him* ***Immanuel****.* Isaiah 7:14

**4. Peace Involves Our Participation. (It’s not easy)**

***24****When Joseph woke up,* ***he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him*** *and took Mary home as his wife.****25****But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.* Matthew 1:24-25

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

**KEY: No matter what hardships we are faced with, we can ask for a peace that comes from the powerful love of God that is not dependent on our own strength or the situation around us.**

**Advent Week #2, Jesus Is Our Gift Of PEACE**

**12/4/22**

***Advent*** means: “arrival” or “an appearing or coming into place.”

**1. Peace is a PERSON**

*For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father,* ***Prince of Peace****.* Isaiah 9:6

***Peace***. Heb: *shalom* = appearance of calm and tranquility of individuals, groups, and nations.

***Peace.*** Grk: Eirene = “unity and accord”; the deepest meaning: “spiritual harmony brought about by an individual’s restoration with God.”

***18****This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was* ***pledged to be married*** *to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.****19****Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yetdid not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.* Matthew 1:18-19

***20****But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.* Matthew 1:20

Romans 5:6-8

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