



**WELCOME!** Throughout the month of December, we're taking a journey through the season of Advent. We'll look back on the experiences of God's people who were eagerly anticipating the arrival of a Savior, discover what Jesus brought at his birth, and look forward as we await His future return. We're glad you've joined us!

## Participate

WORSHIP WITH US THROUGH  
ORDINANCES AND TRADITIONS

- » **LORD'S SUPPER, DECEMBER 21:** Share in the bread and cup that symbolize our unity through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. *Gluten-free servings are available at the back of the room for those who need them.*
- » **CHILD DEDICATION, FEBRUARY 8:** Parents, commit your children to the Lord as we welcome them into our community. *Sign up in Church Center if your family would like to dedicate a child during a worship service.*
- » **BELIEVER'S BAPTISM, MARCH 22:** Proclaim your faith to your church family and follow Jesus in the practice of water baptism. *Sign up in Church Center if you'd like to be baptized during a worship service.*
- » **GIVE AT ANY TIME:** Financial giving in Grace Church is an act of worship to be done freely, joyously, and only as prompted by the Lord. *Gifts can be made at any offering box or online through Church Center.*

- I. Peace in the Old Testament — Joshua 8:30–31; Job 5:24; Exodus 22:4
  - » *Shalom* can be a state of calmness, but it is linked to a restoration of wholeness, soundness, and completion.
  
- II. In Christ, unexpected peace arrived — Isaiah 9:6–7
  - » The Jews expected external, situational peace. In His first advent, Jesus brought internal peace and restoration.
  
- III. In Christ, we experience peace — Ephesians 2:11–19; Romans 5:1; 8:5–6; Isaiah 26:3; Colossians 3:2; Philippians 4:6–7
  - » All believers in Jesus experience positional, unwavering peace between themselves and God.
  - » All believers can experience a conditional peace when they set their minds on the Spirit.
  
- IV. Through Christ, peace is established forever — Isaiah 9:7; Revelation 22:1–5
  - » Although Christ Himself is peace, has made peace between us, and invites us to experience peace, there is still an ultimate fulfillment of peace we are awaiting.

## Notes

CAPTURE YOUR THOUGHTS  
IN THE SPACE BELOW

## Takeaways

## PROMPTS TO CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND APPLY WHAT YOU'VE HEARD THIS MORNING

- » How does the idea of *peace* as *wholeness* add to your understanding?
- » Where are you longing for peace?
- » To what or whom is your peace currently anchored?
- » Where are you seeking peace apart from Christ?
- » If peace is a person, how can you experience more peace?
- » How does the fulfillment of peace yet to come encourage you today?

# Church Family Meeting

You are invited to join us back here in the Auditorium **this afternoon at 4:00 PM** to meet with our elders for about an hour. During this new end-of-the-year time together, which we're calling our Church Family Meeting, they'll lead us through a discussion of several topics:

- » **WHO WE ARE:** Hear the story and DNA of our independent Bible church
- » **WHERE WE'VE BEEN:** Reflect on our journey together over the last year
- » **WHERE WE'RE GOING:** Look forward to what's being planned for 2026
- » **HOW WE'LL GET THERE:** Get a look at work happening behind the scenes
- » **HOW YOU CAN JOIN US:** Learn about new ways to pray and serve together

Afterwards, all of our elders will be available to talk, get to know you, and discuss other important questions you might have. We look forward to seeing you!

## Learn More

WHERE TO GET ANSWERS  
AND FIND INFORMATION

**WELCOME CENTER:** Stop by and talk with us this morning

**MONTHLY CALENDAR:** Printed list of upcoming events

**WEBSITE:** Find detailed info online at [gracechurch.com](http://gracechurch.com)

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