

## **Week Two “Peace”**

“Welcome to the second week of Advent or the season of anticipation! Last week, we were reminded of the Hope Jesus gives us to know He will come again!”

(Light One Purple Candle)

“The focus this week is the word, ‘Peace.’ The Hebrew Word for Peace is Shalom, and it carries four distinct meanings. 1. Wholeness, 2. Prosperity, 3. Harmony, 4. Victory. Hebrew speakers use the word Shalom as a greeting and a farewell, asking God to bless their loved ones with the gifts of peace.

Isaiah describes Jesus as the Prince of Peace.

‘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.’

**(Isaiah 9:6, ESV)**

Isaiah waited for God to send the Savior Jesus to bring about peace.

As you may remember, when the Shepherds were visited by a crowd of angels they declared, that “The Savior was Born in the town of David,” and as the Angels chanted they said,

‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!’ **(Luke 2:14, ESV)**

Jesus healed the sick, cast out unclean spirits, raised the dead, and proclaimed that God's Kingdom was at hand! There was no doubt that Jesus was the Prince of Peace!

The Apostle Paul writes to the church in Ephesus.

'For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 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, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.' **(Ephesians 2:14-17, ESV)**

(Light Second Purple Candle)

Today, we live with confidence knowing that through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have Jesus' peace, which brings us into right relationship with God and Each Other, and the assurance that we have eternal life!

Thank You, Jesus Prince of Peace! Amen!"