

Exploring the Themes of Peace

Unearthing Advent Peace in the
Gospels



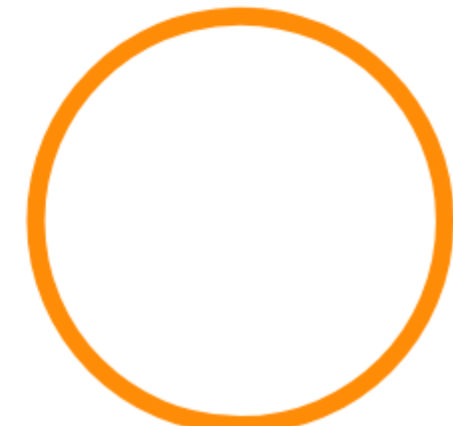


Advent and Peace



Biblical Understanding of Peace

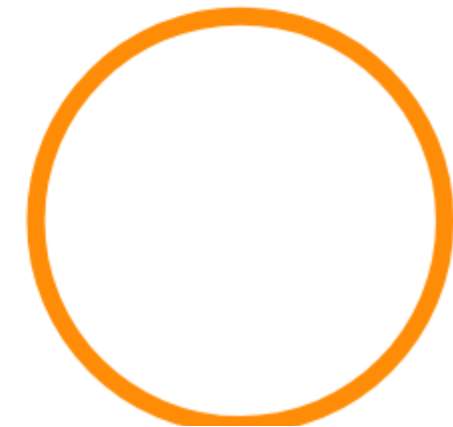
Shalom: The Hebrew word for peace, "Shalom," is rich in meaning. It signifies completeness, wholeness, health, welfare, safety, soundness, tranquility, prosperity, fullness, rest, and harmony. It's not merely the absence of conflict, but a positive state of well-being.





Biblical Understanding of Peace

Messiah as the Prince of Peace: In Isaiah 9:6, a prophecy about the coming Messiah, Jesus is referred to as the "Prince of Peace." This title suggests that His coming is associated with the establishment of peace—both personal peace for individuals and a universal peace ultimately culminating in His second coming.

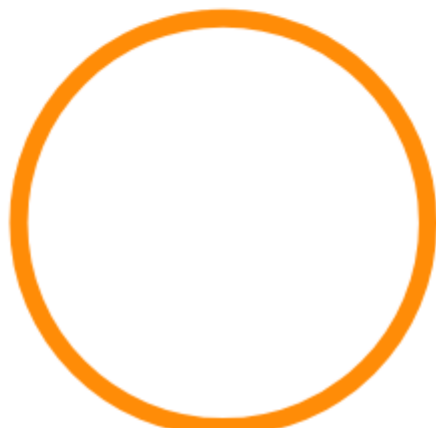




Peace in the Context of Advent

Personal Peace:

During Advent, Christians reflect on the peace that Christ brings to individual hearts. This is the inner tranquility and assurance that comes from a relationship with God, despite external circumstances.

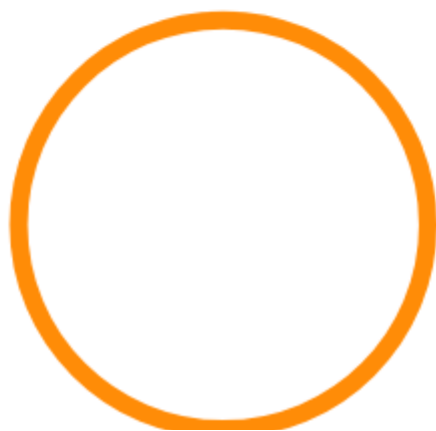




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Social Peace:

Advent also serves as a reminder of the call to promote peace in the world. This involves working towards reconciliation, justice, and harmony among people.

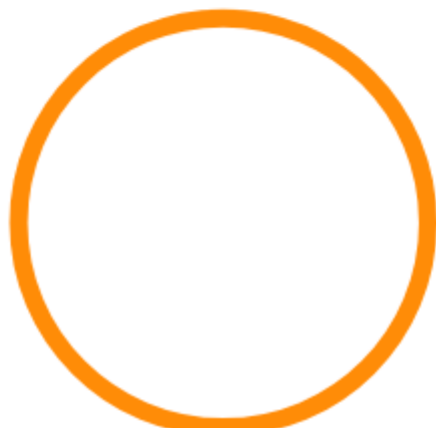




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Eschatological Peace:

Finally, Advent points to the future, when Christ will return and establish lasting peace. This hope of a world free from conflict and suffering is a central promise of Christian eschatology.



Advent Peace in the Gospel of Matthew

1. Birth of Jesus and the Angel's Message of Peace
(Matthew 1:18-25; 2:1-12)

Key verses: Matthew 1:21, 2:10-11

2. Sermon on the Mount: Beatitudes and Peace
(Matthew 5:1-12)

Key verses: Matthew 5:9



Advent Peace in the Gospel of Mark

1. Jesus Calms the Storm: Peace Over Nature (Mark 4:35-41)

Key verses: Mark 4:39

2. Jesus' Teachings on Peace and Forgiveness (Mark 11:25)

Key verses: Mark 11:25



Advent Peace in the Gospel of Luke

1. Announcement of Jesus' Birth: Peace on Earth (Luke 2:8-14)

Key verses: Luke 2:14

2. Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem: The Prince of Peace (Luke 19:28-40)

Key verses: Luke 19:38



Advent Peace in the Gospel of John

1. Jesus as the Source of Peace (John 14:27; 16:33)

Key verses: John 14:27, 16:33

2. The Resurrection: Jesus' Peace to the Disciples (John 20:19-23)

Key verses: John 20:19



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