

GROWING IN PEACE
#SermonPeace
Second Sunday of Advent
Growing During The Holidays Part 4
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Isaiah 9:6 A child has been born for us; God has given a Son to us... And his name will be called... **Prince of Peace!** (NCV)

John 14:27 I leave behind with you -- **peace**; I give you My own **peace** and **My gift** is nothing like the peace of the world. Do not be distressed or daunted. (PH)

The Five Keys For Having Peace

1. ACCEPT GOD'S PARDON

Romans 5:1 Therefore since we have been **justified through faith**, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ. (NIV)

Isaiah 38:17 My bitterness will turn into **peace**... You **forgive** all my sins. (TEV)

2. RECOGNIZE GOD'S PRESENCE

Exodus 33:14 The LORD answered, "My **presence** will go with you, and I will give you **peace**." (GW)

Psalms 46:1, 10a God is our refuge and strength, an **ever present** help in trouble. ¹⁰ **Be still and know** that I am God... (NIV)

3. OBEY GOD'S PRINCIPLES

Psalms 119:165-166 Those who **love your instructions** have **great peace** and do not stumble. ¹⁶⁶ ...so I have **obeyed your commands**. (NLT)

Romans 2:10 There will be glory and honor and **peace from God for all who obey him**... (LB)

4. TRUST GOD'S PLAN

Proverbs 3:5-6 **Trust** in the Lord with all your heart and **lean not** on your own understanding. ⁵ In all your ways **acknowledge** Him and He shall **direct** your paths. (NKJV)

Isaiah 26:3 You, Lord, give true peace to those who depend on you, because they trust you. (NCV)

5. SURRENDER TO GOD'S PRIORITIES

Matthew 6:31-33 Don't worry and ask yourselves, "Will we have anything to eat? Will we have anything to drink? Will we have any clothes to wear?" ³² Only people who don't know God are always worrying about such things. Your Father in heaven knows that you need all of these. ³³ But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well. (CEV)

John 14:1 Jesus said, "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. And trust in me." (ICB)

Luke 2:13-14 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (KJV)