

GVBC Sermon Study Notes – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 9:6-7 | Increasing Peace

December 5, 2021

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⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

“The great mystery of the manger is that God should be able to translate deity into humanity without discarding the deity or distorting the humanity.” John Phillips

Four Descriptive Names

- A. He is Profound – Wonderful Counselor
- B. He is Powerful – Mighty God
- C. He is Personal – Everlasting Father
- D. He is Peaceful – Prince of Peace

“You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.” Luke 1.31-33

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

- I heard the bells on Christmas day. Their old familiar carols play, and wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth, good will to men.
- And in despair I bowed my head: There is no peace on earth, I said for hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men.
- Then pealed the bells more loud and deep; God is not dead nor doth he sleep! The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, With peace on earth, good will to men.

Peace is God's Lordship Over Our Lives

Increasing Peace comes from God

- *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."* John 14.27
- *Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.*
2 Thessalonians 3.16

Increasing Peace is God's Nature in Us

- *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.* Colossians 3.15
- *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4.6-7

Increasing Peace Comes With Our Partnership

- *Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.* Psalms 34.14
- *Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.* James 3.18