

**God With Us: 4 of 4**  
**“Prince Of Peace”**  
**Cornerstone Church of Poway**  
**Pastor Ed Turley**  
**December 24, 2019**

**Big Idea:** Christmas is about God keeping His promise that we will never be alone because God is with us.

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel"--which means, "**God with us.**" **Matthew 1:23 (NIV)**

**Our Prince Of Peace Is With Us!**  
**To Experience Peace This Christmas, I Need To:**

**1. Realize Peace Is A \_\_\_\_\_**

"Today in the town of David a **Savior** has been born to you; He is **Christ the Lord**. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace** to men on whom His favor rests." **Luke 2:11-14 (NIV)**

For 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.**" **Isaiah 9:6-7a (NIV) Remember Verse**

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**2. Release My Fears & Concerns \_\_\_\_\_**

"I have told you all this so that you may have **peace in me**. Here on earth you will have **many trials** and **sorrows**. But take heart, because **I have overcome** the world." **John 16:33 (NLT2)**

"Don't **worry** about anything; instead, **pray** about everything."  
**Philippians 4:6a (NLT2)**

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### 3. Respond In \_\_\_\_\_

“Tell God what you need, and **thank Him** for all He has done. Then you will experience **God’s peace**, which exceeds anything we can understand. **His peace** will **guard** your hearts and minds as you **live in Christ Jesus**.”

**Philippians 4:6b-7 (NLT2)**

“And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. **Fix your thoughts** on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into **practice** all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. **Then the God of peace will be with you.**” **Philippians 4:8-9 (NLT2)**

“For God in all **His fullness** was pleased to **live in Christ**, and through Him God **reconciled** everything to Himself. He **made peace** with everything in heaven and on earth by means of **Christ’s blood** on the cross.” **Colossians 1:19-20 (NLT2)**

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➤ Where am I needing **peace** this week?

#### **To experience peace this Christmas, I will:**

- Choose to become a person of prayer and worship
- Release those who have hurt me over to God
- Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior
- Sign up for Spiritual Upgrade Series – Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29

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**Family Corner:** [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

**Make a family memory:**

Take a ride in the car and look at Christmas lights.

Share your favorite moments of 2019.

Take a Christmas picture of your family. Make it fun!

**Small Groups:** [Choose as many questions that honors your group's time commitment]

**Open in Prayer:**

➤ What thoughts from this week's message encourages me to live a life for Jesus?

**Icebreaker:** When or where have you experienced the most peace?

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**To Experience Peace This Christmas, I Need To:**

**1. Realize Peace Is A Person**

**Read Luke 2:1-14**

How peaceful was the very first Christmas?

Why do I think God allowed Joseph, Mary, and Jesus to experience such a difficult beginning?

**Read Isaiah 9:6-7**

What stands out about who God will send?

**Read John 16:33**

What does Jesus promise?

## **2. Release My Fears & Concerns To Jesus**

**Matthew 11:28-29**

What does Jesus offer to me?

**Philippians 4:6a**

What should I do when I feel overwhelmed?

How consistent is my prayer life?

## **3. Respond In Worship**

**Philippians 4:6-8**

Where has God blessed me in the past?

Write a list of things you are grateful for.

**Colossians 1:19-20**

What did it take for God to make peace with me?

**Romans 3:23-25a**

How have I fallen short of God's standard?

When did I place my trust in Jesus' sacrifice for my sins?

**Close in Prayer:** Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.

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