

# Second Sunday of Advent

“He himself is our peace”



Ephesians 2:14-18

## Main Idea:

The peace that Jesus brings to us is a relationship-

a permanent union with Him and a new unity among those who follow Him.



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*“Jesus Christ bridged the widest chasm  
that has ever existed among men- that  
between Jew and Gentile.”*

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The peace that Jesus brings to us is a relationship-

How has God brought me peace?

How does God want me to pursue peace with others?

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1. Jesus Christ- through his death- has changed our status from being God's enemies to being his children



## Romans 5:1-2 ESV

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.





Romans 5:6 ESV

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5:10-11 ESV

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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2. Peace with God never comes by religious performance- that is why we need Christ! He has canceled the law with its demands against us.



## Colossians 2:13-14 ESV

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.



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3. Jesus breaks the hostility between Christians, giving us a new unity with others who are different from ourselves.



## Acts 10:44–45 ESV

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.



## Application 1-

Walls of hostility are broken down when we view one another FIRST as new people in Christ. (other labels come last!)

- Am I affirming the work of the Holy Spirit in this person, or am I trying to be the Holy Spirit for him or her?



## Application 2-

Walls of hostility are broken down when we view people who are not Christians as people made in the image of God- having inherent dignity and worth.



- How can I learn more about this person who is uniquely made by God?  
(Practice spiritual curiosity)