



Light of the
WORLD

Romans 15:13 [NIV]

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Peace is not found
in the absence of TRouble,
but in the presence of JESUS.**

John 1:3-5 [NIV]

³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 14:27 [NIV]

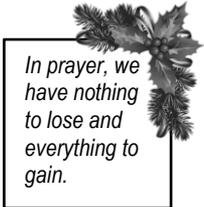
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

**Jesus gives HIMSELF
as the answer.**

Philippians 4:6-7 [NLT]

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ 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.

**Where do you need to RECEIVE
rather than try to ACHIEVE?**



*In prayer, we
have nothing
to lose and
everything to
gain.*

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need LIGHT & LIFE in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive LIGHT & LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “FAITH” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.

For Further Reflection:

- :: What is something you look forward to in the Advent season?
- :: What is something that causes stress or worry in this time?
- :: On a scale of 1 to 10 [1 = low, 10 = high], what “number” best describes the level of peace you have right now?
 - :: Is that lower or higher than this time last year?
 - :: What would you attribute that reality to?
 - :: What could challenge/change that “number” this coming week?
- :: Read/Review Romans 15:13 & Philippians 4:6-7.
 - :: What do these passages tell us about peace?
 - :: What are we specifically encouraged to do in order to receive it?
 - :: What are other things we can do that also lead to having His peace?
- :: Pastor Shawn said, “Peace is something to receive, not achieve.”
 - :: How might this change the way you respond to trouble or hardship?
 - :: What are some ways people try to “achieve” peace on their own?
- :: What is one thing you need to do next to receive greater peace this week?
- :: Commit to do that and ask someone you trust to pray for you as you do.



Unless otherwise noted, today's Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].
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It's not too late to get your **Light of the World** 2020 Advent Kit! Stop by the BridgePointe lobby (M-F) between 8 am – 7 pm! Full of great activities, meaningful reflections, and gifts from Heritage, it is our hope that these kits will help you get the most out of your journey to Christmas.

Don't miss our '**Noël at Night**' opportunities each Wednesday during Advent @ 7pm. Live on Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram, this is a great way for us to pray, worship and “be together”!

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