

Advent in Isaiah

The Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

Isaiah 57:12-21
“Double Peace”

“and a little child shall lead them”
Isaiah 11:6

Isaiah 57:12-19

¹² I will declare your righteousness and your deeds,
but they will not profit you.

¹³ When you cry out, let your collection of idols deliver you!
The wind will carry them all off,
a breath will take them away.
But he who takes refuge in me
shall possess the land
and shall inherit my holy mountain.

¹⁴ And it shall be said,

“Build up, build up, prepare the way,
remove every obstruction from my people’s way.”

¹⁵ For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

“I dwell in the high and holy place,
and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly,
and to revive the heart of the contrite.

¹⁶ For I will not contend forever,
nor will I always be angry;
for the spirit would grow faint before me,
and the breath of life that I made.

¹⁷ Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry,
I struck him; I hid my face and was angry,
but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart.

¹⁸ I have seen his ways, but I will heal him;
I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners,
¹⁹ creating the fruit of the lips.

Peace, peace, to the far and to the near,”
says the LORD, “and I will heal him.”

²⁰ But the wicked are like the tossing sea;
for it cannot be quiet,
and its waters toss up mire and dirt.

²¹ There is no peace,” says my God, “for the wicked.”

Designed for Peace

Genesis 2:2

And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.

Designed for Peace
Invited into Peace
Destined for Peace

Our Pursuits for Peace

What is causing Chaos?

Past
Guilt, Shame & Anger

Future
The What Ifs...

Present
Fear & Anxiety



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How do I Pursue Peace?

“Idols”

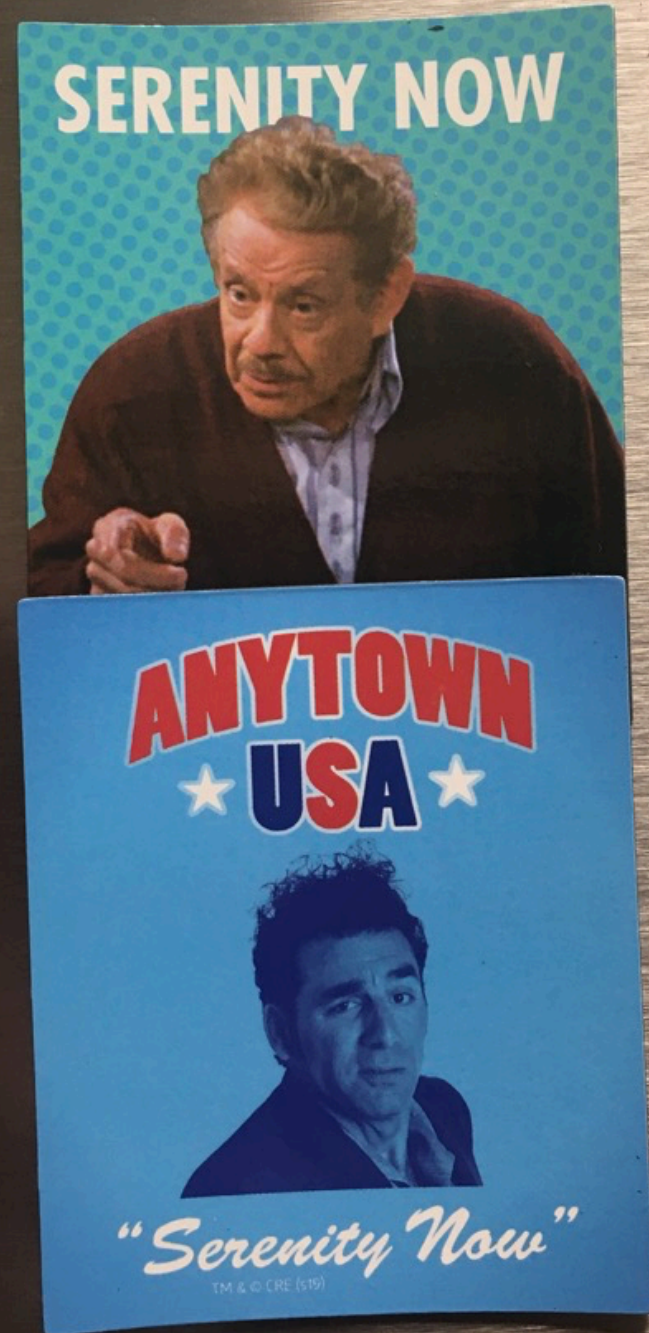
Whatever I seek to find peace

Deeds

Tring to take control of others, my situation and future.

Righteousness

Controlling God by being good in order to get blessed



PELIGRO
Reduzca su VELOCIDAD
CURVA DE LA MUERTE
Hasta la Fecha son 173 Muertos
CORTEC RÓTULOS ANGEL

RÓTULOS ANGEL
A 3 Kms.
Mire las noticias, NO SEA NI
EN CASA LO ESPERA

PRECAUCIÓN. En Taulabé,
Comayagua, la Curva
de la Muerte registra 173
muertos. Es una curva de
180 grados que provoca
varios accidentes.



How my “peace-giving” idols let me down

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and your deeds,
but they will not profit you.

¹³ When you cry out, let your
collection of idols deliver you!
The wind will carry them all off...

Even if I “fix” this issue...
(through feel-good coping,
avoidance, temporary repair)

- Another stress takes it’s place
- This issue will break again

I “take control” because I don’t trust God’s Wisdom, Love & Power

“All fear is but the notion that God's love ends.”
— Ann Voskamp

The thing in the way of me having peace,
is me.

The Greater Peace

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in the way of his own heart.

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Much Greater Chaos

“backsliding...heart”

Much Greater Invitation

“to the far and to the near”

Much Greater Peace

“Peace, Peace”

Luke 2

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were **filled with great fear**. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "**FEAR NOT**, for behold, I bring you **good news of great**

joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ 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 among those with whom he is pleased!***"



and they were terrified.

“Fear Not”

(the most common
command in Scripture)

“Good News of Great Joy”

Which is the Birth of Christ,
The Immanuel,
God With Us.

¹⁵ “I ***dwell*** in the high and holy place,
and ***also with him*** who is of a contrite
and lowly spirit...”

Psalm 139:5

You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your
hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Don't settle for shallow temporary peace in this
world when Divine Peace is offered for free:

Peace between Us & God
Peace that Permeates Today

John 16:33

I have said these things to you,
that in me you may have peace.

In the world you will have
tribulation. But take heart; I
have overcome the world.

Ephesians 2:13

But now in Christ Jesus you
who once were far off have
been brought near by the
blood of Christ. ¹⁴ ***For he
himself is our peace,***



Isaiah 53

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was *crushed* for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

The Path to Peace

¹⁵ “I dwell in the high and holy place,
and also with him who is
of a *contrite and lowly spirit*,
to *revive the spirit of the lowly*,
and to *revive the heart of the contrite*.”

Contrite:

Crushed; Beaten up; At my end

Lowly:

Humble; Dependent; Open-Hands

Psalm 34:18

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Psalm 51

¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and **contrite** heart, O God, you will not despise.

Philippians 4:6-7

...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- 1) Look Up
- 2) Look Back
- 3) Open your hands
- 4) Dialogue with Jesus

Destined for Peace

⁹ ...for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD...

King Jesus Wins

¹³ But he who takes *refuge* in me *shall possess* the land and *shall inherit* my holy mountain.

Romans 8:37-39

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

“But it still hurts, and I’m still anxious”

Sadness, Anger and Pain are real, and so is God.

“It is Well” by Horatio Spafford

*Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul*

*It is well, with my soul.
It is well, it is well with my soul*

*My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul*

2 Thessalonians 3:16
Now may the Lord of peace
himself give you peace at
all times in every way. The
Lord be with you all.