God with Us

God with Us Brings Peace

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Today we want to focus our celebration of Advent on our Rock, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

The peace on Earth we can experience today is an inner peace regardless of the storms swirling around us.

Christ Made Peace

Colossians 1:20 *and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

- This world stole our peace.

- Christ made peace by His death on the cross.

- Without the manger there would be no cross .

Christ Gives Peace

John 14:27 *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.*

- Peace is not partisan
    Ephesians 2:19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,

- Jesus restores peace to the disrespected .
- Did you know that shepherd in the first century despised as dirty, seedy and of questionable moral character ?
- Jesus called himself a shepherd.

Christ Is Our Peace

Ephesians 2:14 *For he himself is our peace…*

- To have true peace we must have Christ, for He *is* our peace.

- If we are to have His peace , He must have us.

- Peace is a person .

Take this with you...

- The deeper we go in in our relationship with Christ , the more peace we will experience.

- At Christmas we celebrate the Prince of Peace, who came to give peace to the weary .

- Through Christ we are no longer at war with God , but are now His sons and daughters.

- In what area in your life do you long to have peace?

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