December 10, 2023 <u>"The Gift of Comfort (Peace)!"</u> (Mark 1:1-8)

Why is it that, in this season of Good News, we focus on the ______ things?

Why do we suddenly turn into ______ who see everything as a ______ against the throne?

This is the Church's _____! A season of faith, hope, and of ______ and comfort, and good will!

If we suddenly become rabid ______, snarling at and threatening those who don't believe like we do, then no one will ______ to the message!

If we want to reclaim Christmas, then we have to reclaim the ______ of the Christ child and of the ______!

We can't be like the world, we have to live _____ it but not be _____ it!

John standing by the Jordan River hollering "____" doesn't seem very Christmassy or very ____.

John is actually proclaiming the message of ______ and peace, answering the call of _____!

In those very words we find the gift of _____ and ____!

1.- The _____

In our waking and sleeping, walking and talking. In ALL that we do, God is ______ us!

There is comfort in knowing that God ______ for us the same way a ______ cares for their child! (over)

2.- _____ The Gift.

Once you've received this Gift of Comfort, you're called to ______ it!

When we share with others, we are ______ of comfort and Peace!

When people pause to ______ on the care and kindness we've shown, all they should see is !

Jesus is being _____ out in us!

Jesus is _____ out through us!

Jesus is _____ for them through us!

This is a season of excitement and _____! But it's also a season of comfort and _____!

It reminds us that we are not _____! That we are created in God's _____!

God loves us so much, that God sent His only son to be our !

AND He brings us _____!

Do you have His Peace?

He offers it to anyone who asks, and who places their heart and life into His hands!

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