

December 13, 2015
Series: "Signs Of Christ's Coming"
#3. "Peace Comes To Our Hearts"
(Philippians 4: 4-7)

The season of _____ was supposed to be our chance to get ready, but in another week it'll be over and the big day will be here.

Are you prepared for _____?

In our text, Paul gives us a comprehensive formula for finding _____ this Christmas.

Let's consider this formula for peace:

1.- Philippians 4:4 – "_____ in the Lord always."

Christmas is a time for _____.

Joy doesn't mean that _____ is going your way.

Joy comes from an inner _____ that whatever you are going through that _____ is with you!

"It is well to recognize that some persons are actually fearful of joy, elation, pleasure or other usually positive emotional stress. In many of these people being joyful causes them to have feelings of guilt, shame or unworthiness."

- Dr. Raymond Moody

There are some people who are _____ to be happy.

They _____ their fears, resentments, and _____.

If there was ever a time for _____, it is at Christmas.

2.- Philippians 4:5 – "Let your _____ be evident to all."

Advent and _____ are a time for gentleness.

(over)

We need to step back and _____ on the thought of the babe in a _____.

We know of God's _____. We know of His _____.
But how often do we think of His _____?

We could have the gentleness of Christ, a gentleness that transforms anger to _____, hatred to _____.

3.- Philippians 4:6 – "Do not be _____ about anything but in _____ situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your _____ to God."

No wonder Paul could _____ - even while waiting in _____ to learn his fate.

For some people _____ affluence only masks spiritual _____!

Could you give _____ this Christmas if some of the things you _____ most were stripped from you?

"Blessed by the Christmas sunshine, our natures, perhaps long leafless, bring forth new love, kindness, new mercy and compassion..."

- Helen Keller -

Could you find _____ and give _____ this Christmas if you were deaf, blind and unable to speak?

Philippians 4:7 – "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

May it be so this Christmas for you and yours. Amen.