

Sunday Sermon Questions • 12/1/2024

Preparing Our Hearts for Advent

Hope

1 Peter 1:3 speaks of a “living hope” through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. How does the promise of resurrection give us hope during Advent as we anticipate the coming of Christ?

Joy

In Isaiah 9:6–7, the prophet proclaims the birth of a child who will be called “Wonderful Counselor” and “Prince of Peace.” How does reflecting on the fulfillment of this prophecy bring joy to our hearts during the Advent season?

Peace

The Prince of Peace is central to Isaiah 9:6–7. In a world filled with chaos and conflict, how does the peace offered through Jesus reshape how we approach this season? How can we be instruments of His peace to others?

Love

4. John 3:16 and Romans 5:6–8 both highlight God’s immense love for humanity, demonstrated by Jesus’s sacrificial death. How can this love inspire us to love others more fully during Advent? What practical ways can we reflect this love to those around us?

Connecting the Themes

How do the themes of hope, joy, peace, and love come together to prepare our hearts for celebrating the birth of Christ? Which of these themes do you feel most resonates with you this Advent season, and why?

Prayer Prompt:

Father, as we prepare for the coming of Christ, we thank You for the hope You’ve given us through His resurrection (1 Peter 1:3). We rejoice in the promise of our Savior, the Prince of Peace, who brings light into the darkness (Isaiah 9:6–7).

In this season, remind us of Your great love, shown through Jesus, who gave His life for us while we were still sinners (Romans 5:6–8). Help us to live as vessels of hope, joy, peace, and love, reflecting Your heart to the world. Amen.