



Advent 2019

**THE DAWNING
OF THE DAY**



Prince of Peace

ISA. 9:2,6-7

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The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. (ESV)

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

Prince of Peace



Hebrew (OT)



Greek
(NT)

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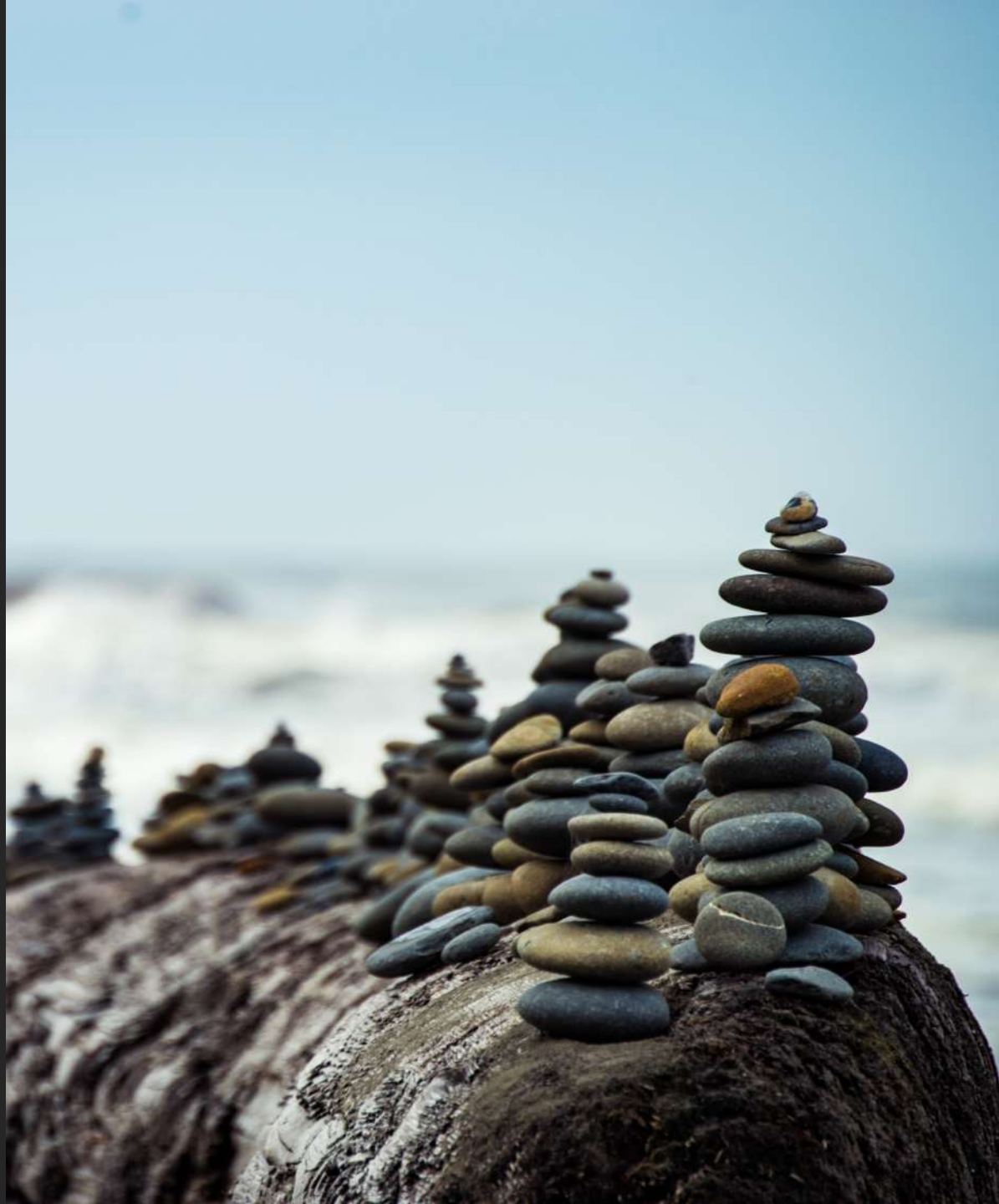
More than an End to Conflict

- Wholeness
- Completion



Meaning of Shalom

Shalom refers to something that's complex with lots of pieces that's in a state of completeness, wholeness.



Wholeness

The word can refer to a stone that has a perfect whole shape with no cracks. (Josh. 8:31)



Completion

E.g., Job who counted his flock and no animals are missing. Job 5:24





Completion

E.G., SOLOMON, AT THE
COMPLETION OF THE TEMPLE

Well Being

e.g. David, when David visited his brothers on the battlefield, he asked about their shalom. (1 Sam. 17:22)



Restoration

Relationships,
Restitution

Ex. 22:4



Core Idea

The core idea is that life is complex, full of moving parts and relationships and situations, and when any of these is out of alignment or missing, your shalom breaks down. Life is no longer whole; it needs to be restored.



Jesus' Birth

THE ARRIVAL OF
PEACE!



Jesus' Message

MY PEACE I
GIVE TO ALL
OF YOU!

JOHN 14:27



Jesus'
Method

THE CROSS

ROMANS 5:1

EPH. 2:14-15





Our Condition: At Peace with God

He restored to wholeness the broken relationship between humans and their Creator.

Jesus himself is our "peace".
Eph. 2:14-15



Our Call: To Build Peace

Within

Philippians 4:6-7

[6] 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. (ESV)

In the Church

Ephesians 4:1-3

[1] I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, [2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, [3] eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (ESV)

In the World

Colossians 1:20

...and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Bringing Wholeness

Matthew 5:9

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. (ESV)

