

# PEACE ON EARTH

## The Stable Influence – Advent 4

### December 22, 2013

**Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)** “For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

#### TO FIND PEACE UNDERSTAND...

##### 1. We cannot make peace for OURSELVES

**Revelation 3:17 (NIV)** “You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.”

**Jeremiah 6:14 (NIV)** “They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. ‘Peace, peace,’ they say, when there is no peace.”

##### 2. The problem is on the INSIDE

**Romans 3:23 (NIV)** “...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

**Galatians 5:17 (NIV)** “For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.”

**Galatians 5:19-21a (NIV)** “The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;<sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions<sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.”

**Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)** “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control.”

##### 3. Jesus is the PEACEMAKER.

**John 14:26-27 (NIV)** “But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.<sup>27</sup> 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.”

**Luke 2:14 (CEV)** “Praise God in heaven! Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God.”

#### YOUR PERSONAL PEACE INITIATIVE

- Live at peace with EVERYONE.

**Romans 12:17-18 (NIV)** “Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.<sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

- Pray for those who HURT you.

#### The 111 Commitment

\* Pray for **ONE** person.

\*Pray for **ONE** minute.

\*Pray at **ONE** o'clock each day.

**Matthew 5:43-44 (NIV)** “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’<sup>44</sup> But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...”

- Overcome evil with GOOD.

**Romans 12:19-21 (NIV)** “Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: ‘It is Mine to avenge; I will repay,’ says the Lord.<sup>20</sup> On the contrary: ‘If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.’<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

**Jesus is God's peace initiative.**  
**He brought a Stable Influence of peace on earth.**