

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent-Peace "Finding Light in Dark Places"

Text: Micah 5:2-5

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Big Idea: Finding true peace is more about <u>responding</u> personally to Jesus Christ than it is about **reacting** to the challenging conditions around us.

How to have personal peace with God through Christ:

1) Personal peace with God always includes my humility.

The world sees Jesus as "temporarily **seasonal**" rather than as an eternal savior.

The humbling challenges in a believer's life often **precede** the honor of success in God's kingdom.

2) Peace with God requires my personal trust. (verse 5:3-5)

God didn't send Jesus to become a temporary "wire-jiggler," but rather to restore a complete and personal "connection" with God.

Jesus was born in a town that would represent the price of God's greatest Christmas gifts to us; peace with God and eternal life.

<u>Personal Application – Study Questions:</u>

- Not surprisingly, the world naturally rejects the light of truth about Christmas. Name some ways you can respond with compassion to that rejection rather than with disappointment.
- What are some of the "current bumps" in your life that you think God could be using to advance His glory through your response?
- How might you deepen your personal connection to God this season rather than merely praying for Him to "jiggle" a loose connection over some trial in your life?
- Find an ornament that you could plan to leave visible throughout the coming New Year to remind you of the year-long importance of Christmas truth in 2021.

