

Come Unto Me
*The Gift of Christ's
Peace*

Advent 3: December 14, 2008
John 14:25-27
The Gift of a Different Peace



“All this I have spoken while still with you. 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. 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.”

John 14:25-27

Jesus' peace . . .

1. Different from the world's peace
2. Doesn't change circumstances – Does change hearts
3. Comes through the Holy Spirit “walking alongside” us
4. “Active Peace” – meant to be shared
5. Shalom – wholistic
6. Connected to the resurrection

Share your story

Metaphorically, what are the yipping dogs and punk bands in your life? (What is causing noise and/or chaos in your life?)

Read John 14:25-27

What do you notice in these verses about the relationship between the Father, Jesus and Spirit?

What do you see in these verses that give you hope?

In the sermon, John made several points about the peace that Jesus gives. Share the point that most spoke to you. (See the outline to left, if you need a reminder.) How will this new insight or reminder affect you?

What did John Sowers mean by “Active Peace”?

What hinders you from experiencing peace in your life?

What hinders you from giving peace to others?

What does it mean that Jesus' peace is connected to the resurrection?

Option: Read all of John 14. Note how this scripture gives assurance.

Apply It

Think through your week. Where will you go? Who will you interact with?

What attitude will you take with you into these places and relationships that will bring peace?

What words will you hold in your heart to remind you to bring this peace? How will you invite the Spirit to live this peace in you?

This might be words from a song (like the ones Kevin suggested from Away in a Manger – “Be near me Lord Jesus . . .”)

Or, a verse or phrase from scripture (like the one to the left)

Or, a breath prayer (like “Holy Spirit, be peace in my life”)

Pray Together!