

Peace That Flows: From Chaos to New Creation

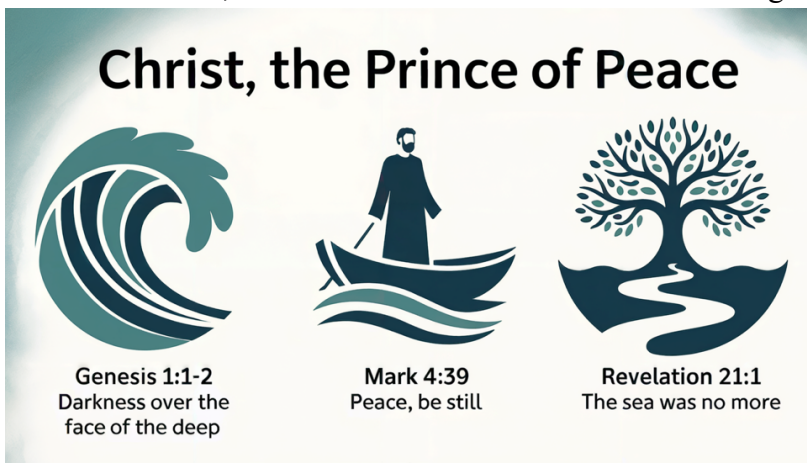
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Observation: What is happening here?

Revelation 22:1-5 - Peace flows from the throne

- A river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb.
- The tree of life stands on both sides, bearing fruit every month.
- The leaves bring healing to the nations.
- No more curse, no darkness: the Lord God will be their light.



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Interpretation: What can we learn?

Peace begins where God enters the chaos

- From Genesis' *chaos of the deep* to Jesus saying "*Peace, be still*" over chaotic waters, to Revelation's promise that "*the sea was no more*", God enters the scene bringing peace to the chaotic world.
- **Scriptures:** *Genesis 1:1-2; Mark 4:35-41; Revelation 21:1; Revelation 22:1*

Peace heals what sin has broken

- The river of life brings healing to the nations, much like how God heals and transforms us individually. God *is* making all things new.
- Christ is the prince of peace; he **will** bring peace on earth!
- **Scriptures:** *Revelation 22:2; Isaiah 11:6-9; John 14:27; Ephesians 2:14-18*

Peace prepares us to welcome others as Christ welcomed us

- Let us welcome one another as Christ welcomed us. Let us bear fruit as our minds are changed (metanoia/repentance).
- Peace is relational: it breaks cycles of hostility, and fear.
- **Scriptures:** *Romans 15:5-7; Matthew 3:8; Galatians 5:22-23; James 3:17-18*

Application: How should we live?

Let Christ speak peace over your chaos

- Begin each day: "*Jesus, speak peace over this place in my life.*" Name one area where chaos is loud. Let God transform your life with his peace.
- **Scriptures:** *John 16:33; Psalm 46:10; Mark 4:39*

Let God's peace flow into your relationships

- Choose one relationship marked by tension.
- Practice one concrete act of peace this week: *a gentle word, a listening ear, a welcoming spirit.*
- **Scriptures:** *Romans 15:7; Hebrews 12:14; Matthew 5:9*

Bear the fruit of transformation this Advent

- Offer understanding instead of defensiveness, presence instead of avoidance, trust instead of fear. We shall be known by our fruit; words and actions. Let us be ambassadors for Christ.
- **Scriptures:** *Matthew 3:8; Luke 3:10-14; Galatians 5:22-23*

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