

# God with Us

## Day 24 JESUS IS OUR PEACE

**For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. Ephesians 2:14-16**

A bridge with gaps in it will not get us across. A rope that is cut will not hold together. A cable that is severed will not carry any signal. A different language without a translator will not communicate. A train with a broken track will not get through. A basin with holes will not hold water. Humans without a Savior cannot enjoy relationship with God.

The Apostle Paul taught that Jesus Himself *is* our peace. (Writing in Greek, he used the word *eiréné*.) The concept he was conveying was that of reconciliation and restoration - bringing the wholeness of shalom. Jesus was the perfect human who bridged the gap between God and humans. Where there was once a barrier of sin, Jesus now stands as a connection. Where there was hostile death, He brought whole life. Where there is now broken creation, He will make it perfect again one day. Jesus is peace, and He made peace between us and God. He also enables us to be a source of peace with other people. In the Advent season, let us receive our Savior, who is peace, and let His wholeness flow out of us.

***Where do you feel like you need some reconciliation? How can you receive the Savior and His nature of peace this Advent season?***