



WHAT MATTERS  
MOST  
AT CHRISTMAS

## PERFECT PEACE

### ISAIAH 26:3

Peace (Shalom) - refers to an inward sense of completeness or wholeness.

1. **Relationship with God (Psalm 12:6-7)**  
*You keep (natsar) him in perfect peace . . .*  
*natsar: guard from dangers, preserve*
2. **Discerned Purpose (Psalm 112:6-8)**  
*. . . whose mind (yetser) is stayed You . . .*  
*yetser - a steadfast purpose (frame of mind)*
3. **Choosing to trust (Isaiah 12:2)**  
*. . . because He trusts (batach) in you.*  
*batach - to trust (active confidence)*

### Discussion Questions:

1. Perfect peace sounds great, doesn't it? How has this season affected your peace? (made it stronger, became non-existent, etc.) How have you responded? (fear, frustration, anger, etc.) Discuss.
2. Read I Chronicles 28:9a. Do you live a purpose driven life with a mindset focused on God's will? Discuss
3. Read Psalm 112:6-8 and Isaiah 12:2. Are you choosing to trust God everyday? Is there an area that overwhelms you where you need to trust God and you are having a hard time doing it? Discuss
4. Read Isaiah 9:6. It is written in this verse that Jesus is the "Prince of Shalom". This means that unlike the princes in the pagan pantheon who were always the source of trouble and upheaval, this child will be the source of "peace," a biblical concept that includes much more than mere absence of conflict; it speaks of wholeness and integration with no issues left unresolved. (NIV Biblical Study Bible Note)  
Take some time to pray for personal peace.

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock. **Isaiah 26:3-4**

The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times. <sup>7</sup> You, O Lord, will keep them; you will guard us from this generation forever.

### Psalm 12:6-7

"And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought. If you seek Him, he will be found by you, . . ." **I Chronicles 28:9a**

For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. <sup>7</sup> He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.  
<sup>8</sup> His heart is steady; he will not be afraid . . .

### Psalm 112:6-8a

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." **Isaiah 12:2**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Isaiah 9:6**