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Revealing Peace & Justice through Scripture from – “In the beginning...” (Gn 1:1) to “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen!” (Rev 2:21)™

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Isaiah 2: 1 – 5

Romans 13: 11 – 14

Matthew 24: 37 – 44

The new Liturgical Year begins again with Advent. A newness and refreshed beginning seems a fitting response to the previous month of November, when we pondered our own ashes and dust and the end times. However, Advent actually continues the same themes from the most recent past and seeks to put things into perspective. What an interesting perspective for Advent. Who would have thunk it? That's right – God!

The Hebrew Testament reading from Isaiah 2: 1 – 5 is about Peace: that nations shall beat their swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks and not train for war anymore (v. 4). The Gospel from Matthew 24: 37 – 44 is about staying awake and paying attention to tomorrow, because we do not know when the Son of Man will come again. Both readings add a rich perspective on the daily actions to take in our lives as Christians.

To be a person, who lives and practices Peace, is most assuredly the same one who lives looking down the same road with the Lord together. Not gazing starry-eyed at the Lord, but with a firm footing moving ahead and knowing that we must do the Lord's work while we can. The Advent message is about your Eulogy.

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