

Advent: Almost Christmas

Week 1: Almost Peace

“The Almost Christian” – John Wesley (1741 Sermon)

Almost Christian – Altogether Christian

Almost Hope

Almost Love

Almost Joy

Almost – Altogether

Almost Peace

“[True peace] is not the absences of tensions, but...the presence of...justice.” – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

We are called to be Peacemakers

John Wesley sermon: “Upon Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount”

Matthew 5:9

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

A Peacemaker according to John Wesley:

“[Do] all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”

2 Word Summary: Do Good

John 14:25-27

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, 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. ²⁷ 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 16:33

³³ “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have

trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Unity is not uniformity!

Ephesians 4:2-6

² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:25-32

Speak truth and always work towards peace!