

CHRISTMAS ISN'T CANCELED - WE'RE JUST WAITING!
ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

2nd Week of Advent – Waiting in Peace Actively

December 11, 2020

Text: Romans 12:9-18

Meditation:

As discussed on Sunday, waiting in peace does not mean sitting around and doing nothing but thinking peaceful thoughts. Waiting in peace means actively pursuing our spiritual maturity both personally and as the church. Paul is insistent that the believer's life is one of activity while we wait for Christ's return in hope.

Much of this peaceful activity begins in love. Loving our fellow believers not matter who they are. Please know that Paul's instructions are within the context of the church. It can be expanded (and should be) outside the confines of fellow believers, but it starts within the church of believers. Much of this instruction are practical practices. Love deeply and sincerely, not with surface nonsense we see today. Help when needed. Work hard for the Lord. Be hospitable all the time.

When troubles come, and they will, pray, be kind, bless, and give it to God. And do your best to live in peace with everyone. It may not always be possible but do your part. Best to walk away and be in peace than fight with others.

You see, this is what waiting in peace looks like. We are active while we wait to celebrate and active while we wait for Jesus' return. But we should be active in the things that matter not in things that distract us from Christ.

Look at what you have done the last two weeks. How are you being active?

Does your activity reflect the ways of God or the ways of the culture?

Prayer:

Lord, help me to wait in peace actively in ways that bring you glory. Help me to live and focus on only what matters to you. Use me to actively practice this with the church. Amen.