



APC Advent Devotional – November 30th, 2020

Love of God and Peace of Christ

Today's Scripture: Colossians 3:14-17 (NIV)

¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



As we look forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in a few weeks to come, I invite you to reflect on some words found in John 3:16. “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” We may have learnt this phrase from our early Sunday school classes and with time, thank God, we understand more of its relevance.

By **grace** we have received this gift of God’s love. We could not earn it since, as the Bible says, it is when we were dead in sin, that Jesus died for us. Our Lord helps us in our growth both individually and cooperatively. The Holy Spirit unites us by the blood of Jesus Christ, and when we allow Christ to dwell in us, we start bearing fruit – fruit of the Spirit that endures. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22-23)

Let us praise God for His perfect body of believers. You and I are called to be part of this body and also be His Ambassadors here on earth. We love as **God loves us** and are in the peace of Christ with one another. Whatever we do, whether in word or deed, let us do it all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Christ Jesus. Amen !

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