

## Message Outline

Teaching Tradition: *The Tree*

**Gen.2-3, Gal.3:13, Rev.22**



**Intro:** This Advent, looking at the Biblical text behind some Christmas traditions...

- “Advent” anticipates the 3-fold coming of Christ: historically, personally, eschatologically.
- History behind the Christmas tree...
- Significance of the tree Biblically...

### Tree of E \_\_\_\_\_

**Read:** Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17, 3:1-9, 21-24

**2:8-9**—Of all the features in creation to focus on, God mentions two trees...

**v.16-17**—Significance of trees: defining roles and relationship...

**3:1-6**—The choice at the tree...

**v.7-8**—The change at the tree...

**v.10, 21-24**—God’s good character in light of humanities bad choices...

- Trees ability to breathe in human waste (carbon dioxide) and exhale human life (oxygen).  
-An illustration of what God will do thru the next tree...

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**Read:** Jn.12:32-33,19:16-18, Gal.3:13, 1Pet.2:24

- Jesus as the second Adam (cf. Rom.5:12ff)...
- Jesus anticipating the tree (Jn.12:32-33, 19:17-18)...
- The significance of the tree (1Pet.2:24, Gal.3:13).  
-Exchanging human waste (carbon dioxide) and giving life (oxygen).  
-Jesus’ exchange of human waste (sin) and giving life (righteousness)

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**Read:** Revelation 2:7, 22:1-5, 14

- The tree Jesus opened back up for us (Gen.2:24, Rev.2:7, 1Jn.5:5)...

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent: Candle of Peace



<sup>1</sup> *Out of the stump of David’s family will grow a shoot—*

*yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root.*

<sup>2</sup> *And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—*

*the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,*

*the Spirit of counsel and might,*

*the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.*

<sup>3</sup> *He will delight in obeying the Lord.*

*He will not judge by appearance*

*nor make a decision based on hearsay.*

<sup>4</sup> *He will give justice to the poor*

*and make fair decisions for the exploited.*

*The earth will shake at the force of his word,*

*and one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked.*

<sup>5</sup> *He will wear righteousness like a belt*

*and truth like an undergarment.*

<sup>6</sup> *In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together;*

*the leopard will lie down with the baby goat.*

*The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion,*

*and a little child will lead them all.*

<sup>7</sup> *The cow will graze near the bear.*

*The cub and the calf will lie down together.*

*The lion will eat hay like a cow.*

<sup>8</sup> *The baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra.*

*Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes without harm.*

<sup>9</sup> *Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,*

*for as the waters fill the sea,*

*so the earth will be filled with people who know*

*the Lord.*

<sup>10</sup> *In that day the heir to David’s throne*

*will be a banner of salvation to all the world.*

*The nations will rally to him,*

*and the land where he lives will be a glorious place.*

*-Isaiah 11:1-10 NLT*