



Confronting Christmas Ghosts

The Peace of Christ for your Past, Present & Future



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The Tension of the Advent Season

“At Christmas there is so much about which to feel happy and joyful. But I’m not finding it that way! There are ghosts lurking behind the scenes stealing every bit of hope and joy that I have. Life’s issues destroy the joy that should be there. I just wish I could just skip Christmas!”



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- **Hopelessness**

“I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all people!”

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- **A Person who brings Peace**
“...and on earth, Peace to all men”

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