

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS  
DECEMBER 31, 2023

**A BLESSED CONCLUSION TO 2023**  
**NUMBERS 6:22-27**

**MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE**

As the LORD looks upon you and blesses you through Jesus Christ, He gives you protection, pardon, and peace.

- I. The LORD Commands Blessing (v.22-23)
- II. The LORD's Blessing Gives Protection (v.24)
- III. The LORD's Blessing Gives Pardon (v.25)
- IV. The LORD's Blessing Gives Peace (v.26)
- V. The LORD Commits to Blessing (v.27)

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION**

- 1. Have you given much thought to this and other benedictions as they are pronounced over you each Sunday?
- 2. How do the blessings in Numbers 6 build up to a grand climax? What is so special about God's peace ("shalom")?
- 3. How should we who receive such gracious blessings from God in Jesus Christ bless others in 2024?
- 4. Covenant children – God has put his name and blessing upon you when you were baptized. What is your obligation to God in response to such blessings?

**FURTHER READING:** John 1:14; 2 Cor 3:18, 4:6; Psalm 44:24-26, 4:4-6; Rom 5:1-2