

*The Prince
Of
Peace*

Isaiah 9:6

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For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Introduction

A. A Prince was born in Bethlehem

1. The “Prince of Life”

Acts 3:15

And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

2. The “Prince of the kings of the earth”

Revelation 1:5

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

3. The “Prince of Peace” (9:6)

Introduction

B. God wants you to have peace

1. Inner peace

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

2. Outer peace

John 16:33

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

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3. Full peace

Romans 15:13

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

I. Peace With God

A. Millions have sought peace with God but fallen short

1. Through religious ritual

Matthew 5:20

**For I say unto you, That except your righteousness
your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the
scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the
kingdom of heaven.**

I. Peace With God

**A. Millions have sought peace with God but fallen short
(continued)**

2. Through good works

Romans 3:11-12

11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

I. Peace With God

**A. Millions have sought peace with God but fallen short
(continued)**

3. Through giving money or possessions

Galatians 3:22

But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

I. Peace With God

**B. The great gulf between sinners and our Holy God
Isaiah 59:2**

**But your iniquities have separated between you and
your God, and your sins have hid his face from you,
that he will not hear.**



I. Peace With God

**B. The great gulf between sinners and our Holy God
Luke 16:26**

And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.



I. Peace With God

C. This gulf is bridged by the cross

1. He paid our debt of sin

Isaiah 53:5-6

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.



I. Peace With God

C. This gulf is bridged by the cross - continued

2. He broke down all barriers

Ephesians 2:12-18

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

I. Peace With God

C. This gulf is bridged by the cross - continued

2. He broke down all barriers

Ephesians 2:12-18 - continued

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

I. Peace With God

C. The gulf bridged by the cross - continued

3. He made peace through His blood

Colossians 1:20

And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

D. We find peace with God through faith in Jesus

Romans 5:1

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

II. The Peace Of God

Philippians 4:5-8

5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

II. The Peace Of God

A. Peace with God is positional and unchanging

Titus 3:7

That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

B. The peace of God is dependent on our relationship with Him

Galatians 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

II. The Peace Of God

C. Many have peace with God but miss the peace of God

D. The path to peace (4:6-8)

1. Be anxious about nothing (v 6)

2. Pray about everything (v 6)

3. Give thanks without ceasing (v 6)

4. Think only about praise (v 8)

E. The result: peace that passes understanding (4:7)

III. Peace On Earth

Isaiah 2:4

And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

III. Peace On Earth

A. This peace announced the Messiah

Luke 2:14

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

III. Peace On Earth

B. This peace awaits the kingdom

1. No more war (2:4)

2. Even peace among animals

Isaiah 11:6-8

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

III. Peace On Earth

B. This peace awaits the kingdom - continued

3. Peace instead of violence

Isaiah 11:9-10

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

III. Peace On Earth

B. This peace awaits the kingdom - continued

4. Peace in nature

Isaiah 35:1-2, 7

1 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

III. Peace On Earth

C. Gabriel's promises to Mary fulfilled

Luke 1:32-33

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

The best is yet to come

Do You Long For Peace?