

Jesus the Prince of Peace

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Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

1. The prince of peace brings peace between God and _____.

Colossians 1:19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

2. Peace with God comes through _____.

3. The Prince of Peace brings peace _____ people.

Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

4. The Prince of Peace brings peace to our _____.

John 16:32 Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. 33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace.

In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

5. Jesus’ peace isn’t _____ based.

6. The Prince of Peace will bring _____ peace when He returns.

Isaiah 2:2 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, 3 and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Isaiah 11:6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

Verses on Jesus’ future kingdom: Isa. 56:6-8, 60:1-9, 65:20, 66:18, 23, Ezek. 38:16, Hos. 3:5, Mic. 4:1-3, Zech. 2:11, 14:16.

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you articulate the peace of God? What does this look like specifically in how we relate to each other?
2. Why must I have peace with God before I can have peace with others?
3. What walls of hostility (Eph. 2:14) are standing in your life at home, church or work? How can the peace of Christ allow you to start breaking down those walls today?
4. How does knowing that Jesus has overcome the world (John 16:33) affect the way you view trouble and suffering in life?