

Sermon #37 — Isaiah Series

Title: **“HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED THE
THE PRINCE OF PEACE”**

Text: Isaiah 9:6

Subject: *Christ the Prince of Peace*

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Introduction:

You will find my text and my subject in the Gospel of Isaiah, Isaiah chapter 9, verse 6.

(Isaiah 9:6) “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.”

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PRINCE OF PEACE.”** — That is my subject and that is my text. — **“HIS NAME SHALL BE
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What would you give for peace? I mean real, lasting, substantial peace, peace with God, peace in your

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heart, peace in the world, peace at home. What would you give for peace? **Matthew Henry**, the great English preacher and commentator said, “Peace is such a precious jewel that I would give anything for it but truth.”

Tonight, I want to introduce you, if the Spirit of God will speak by me to your heart, to the Prince of Peace. **If you ever come to know Christ, The Prince of Peace, you will find peace.**

Proposition: Only Christ, the Prince of Peace, can give peace to troubled souls.

In our text, the Prophet of God is describing the glorious person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ, God’s Messiah, our Savior. He proclaims our Redeemer’s incarnation, His exaltation, and His mediatorial character.

Here is Isaiah’s description of Christ’s **incarnation**. — *“For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is*

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given.” Here is the prophet’s declaration of our Savior’s **exaltation**. — “*And the government shall be upon His shoulders.*” And this is Isaiah’s proclamation of Christ’s glorious **mediatorial character**. — “*And His name shall be called...*

- “*Wonderful.*”
- “*Counselor.*”
- “*The Mighty God.*”
- “*The Everlasting Father.*”
- “*The Prince of Peace.*”

In all that Christ has done as our Mediator, whether in planning or in executing the work of redemption, He has sought and secured the peace and eternal welfare of God’s elect.

- It was to purchase our peace that He became incarnate and died upon the cross.
- It was to bestow peace upon us that He ascended into heaven, assumed the reins of universal dominion, and undertook the management of providence.

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- Peace is the legacy He left to His church when He departed from this world.
- Upon His ascension back into heaven, He poured out the Spirit of peace upon His people.
- And to this very hour the Son of God, our Savior, the Prince of Peace dispenses peace according to His own sovereign will to the sons of men, giving it in great abundance to all the subjects of His kingdom.

Divisions: There are but two points in my message tonight. Here are two things revealed in this name given to and assumed by our Savior. — *“His name shall be call the Prince of Peace.”*

1. The Lord Jesus Christ is a Prince.
2. This great Prince is the Prince of Peace.

CHRIST A PRINCE

1st — **The Lord Jesus Christ is a Prince** (Ezekiel 34:23-24; 37:24-25; Daniel 9:25).

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(Ezekiel 34:23-24) “And I will set up one Shepherd over them, and He shall feed them, *even* My Servant David; He shall feed them, and He shall be their Shepherd. (24) And I the LORD will be their God, and My Servant David a Prince among them; I the LORD have spoken *it.*”

(Ezekiel 37:24-25) “And David My Servant *shall be* King over them; and they all shall have one Shepherd: they shall also walk in My judgments, and observe My statutes, and do them. (25) And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob My Servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, *even* they, and their children, and their children's children forever: and My Servant David *shall be* their Prince forever.”

(Daniel 9:24-25) “Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to **finish the transgression**, and to **make an end of sins**,

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and to **make reconciliation for iniquity**, and to **bring in everlasting righteousness**, and to **seal up the vision and prophecy**, and to **anoint the most Holy**. Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto **the Messiah the Prince** *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.”

The word “Prince” simply implies that Christ, at the time of his incarnation and birth, was the rightful, legal heir of the throne upon which He now sits. It might properly be translated “King.” The Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, is “*The Lord of Peace*” (2 Thessalonians 3:16) and “*The King of Peace*” (Hebrews 7:2). But we will stick to the translation given in our English Bibles. Christ is here called “The Prince.”

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Christ is a Prince by birth, because He is the King’s Son. Our Lord Jesus Christ is both the Son of David and the Son of God (Romans 1:1-4).

(Romans 1:1-4) “Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the Gospel of God, (2) (Which He had promised afore by His prophets in the Holy Scriptures,) (3) Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; (4) And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of Holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”

As the Son of David, Christ is the lawful Heir to the throne of David, the Messiah of Israel. As the Son of God, He is the lawful Heir to the throne of God, the throne of universal dominion. He is God over all, blessed forever (Daniel 4:35-37; Isaiah 46:9-13).

(Daniel 4:35-37) “And all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing: and He doeth

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according to His will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand, or say unto Him, What doest Thou? (36) At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me. (37) Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works *are* truth, and His ways judgment: and those that walk in pride He is able to abase.”

(Isaiah 46:9-13) “Remember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else; *I am* God, and *there is* none like Me, (10) Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure: (11) Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth My counsel from a

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far country: yea, I have spoken *it*, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed *it*, I will also do it. (12) Hearken unto Me, ye stouthearted, that *are* far from righteousness: (13) I bring near My righteousness; it shall not be far off, and My salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel My glory.”

The Lord Jesus Christ is also a Prince by virtue of His office obedience as our Mediator (Philippians 2:5-11). As God, Christ has always been the Prince and Governor of the universe. As the God-man, our Mediator He earned the right to be the Prince and King of all things (Psalm 2:8; Hebrews 1:1-3, 5-9, 2:7-9; 10:11-14).

(Psalm 2:8) “Ask of Me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* Thy possession.”

(Philippians 2:5-11) “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: (6) Who, being

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in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: (7) But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: (8) And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (9) Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: (10) That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; (11) And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

(Hebrews 1:1-3) “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, (2) Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *His* Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; (3) Who being the brightness of *His* glory, and the express image of His

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person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

(Hebrews 2:7-9) “Thou madest Him a little lower than the angels; Thou crownedst Him with glory and honour, and didst set Him over the works of Thy hands: (8) Thou hast put all things in subjection under His feet. For in that He put all in subjection under Him, He left nothing *that is* not put under Him. But now we see not yet all things put under Him. (9) But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”

(Hebrews 10:9-14) “Then said He, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second. (10) By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the

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body of Jesus Christ once *for all*. (11) And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: (12) But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God; (13) From henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool. (14) For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.”

Christ Jesus, our Divine Savior, is a Prince with absolute, universal power and authority (John 17:2). God Almighty, the Triune Jehovah has put the universe under the absolute dominion of that Man who loved us and gave Himself for us. He is the Prince of kings of the earth (Revelation 1:5). He is the Sovereign Prince that He might be the great Savior of God’s elect (Acts 5:31). Now hear me well.

(Acts 5:31) “Him hath God exalted with His right hand *to be* a Prince and a Saviour, for to

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give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.”

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Sovereign Monarch of the universe.

— God the Father gave His Son the reins of the universe before the world began as our Mediator, and gave Him those reins openly and publicly in His ascension. — The object and sure end of Christ’s mediatorial reign is twofold:

- The salvation of God’s elect (Romans 8:28).
- The glory of God (1 Corinthians 15:25-28).

Illustration: *This is Joseph!*

Do you understand this first point? Christ is a Prince. Be sure you understand this. If you fail to realize the total sovereignty of Christ as our Mediator, you can never grasp the blessed peace of His rule.

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2nd — I want to show you that **this great Prince, the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, is the Prince of Peace.** Everything connected to Him as a Prince and King shows that He is the Prince of Peace.

- His Kingdom lies in peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.
- The scepter of His kingdom is the golden scepter of mercy and grace, of righteousness and truth.
- His Throne is the Throne of Grace.
- His Royal Proclamation is the Gospel of Peace.
- The Fruit of His Spirit is love, joy, and peace.
- The Subjects of His Kingdom are both peaceable and peacemakers.

He is called the Prince of Peace because it is His sovereign prerogative to speak peace to His people. And there is no peace in the world but that which He bestows.

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I know that people delude themselves with the thoughtless peace of insensible, carnal security. And I know that many are deluded by messengers of Satan who cry, “Peace, peace,” when there is no peace. But their peace is a blind, fruitless peace that will neither bear reflection or examination. — *“There is no peace to the wicked.”*

Christ alone is the Prince of Peace, and those who trust Him enjoy “a peace which passeth all understanding” (Philippians 4:7).

Christ stood forth our eternal Surety for peace in the everlasting counsel of peace (Zechariah 6:13).

(Zechariah 6:13) “Even He shall build the temple of the LORD; and He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His throne; and He shall be a Priest upon His throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between Them both.”

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**Christ has made peace for sinners with God by
the blood of His cross** (Colossians 1:20; 2 Cor. 5:18-21).

(2 Corinthians 5:17-21) “Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (18) And all things *are* of God, Who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; (19) To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. (20) Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. (21) For He hath made Him *to be* sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.”

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**Christ bestows peace upon all who come to God
by Him, through the gracious influence of His
Spirit** (Romans 5:1-11). — *“He is our Peace!”*

(Romans 5:1-11) “Therefore, being justified, by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: (2) By Whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (3) And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; (4) And patience, experience; and experience, hope: (5) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. (6) For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. (7) For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. (8) But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (9) Much more then, being now justified by

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His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. (10) For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. (11) And not only *so*, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom we have now received the atonement.”

None will ever apply to Christ for peace until they are in trouble and distress of soul, made to feel the danger, bitterness, and consequences of sin, and made to see the impossibility of helping themselves. But when weary, heavy laden sinners, seek Him, He hears their prayers and gives them peace. He steps out upon the bow of the troubled, tempest tossed ship, reveals Himself in boundless, almighty grace, and says to their raging souls, “Peace be still.” And immediately there is a great calm.

- Before He speaks peace to a soul, He will bring that soul down with trouble, spiritual, heart trouble (Psalm 103:1-40).

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- But, if this Prince brings trouble to a sinner’s heart, it is that He may speak Peace!

Not only does Christ make peace between God and sinners, He makes peace between men who are natural enemies by His saving grace
(Ephesians 2:14-20; Colossians 3:11).

(Ephesians 2:11-20) “Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; (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*; (15) Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *even* the law of

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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. (19) Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; (20) And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner *stone*.”

(Colossians 3:11) “Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.”

Where the Prince of Peace reigns there is peace.

- In You.

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- In the Church.
- In the Home.

The Prince of Peace gives peace to all the subjects of His kingdom by graciously inviting and enabling us to cast all our cares upon Him (1 Peter 5:6-7; Proverbs 3:5-6).

(1 Peter 5:6-7) “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: (7) Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.”

(Proverbs 3:5-6) “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. (6) In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.”

- He manages and rules everything for our good.
- Even His afflictions are tokens of His love, and as such yield to us the fruit of peace. — Peace is not real until it has been tested by the storm.

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Our gracious Prince of Peace teaches His people how to live in peace, by His Word, by His example, and by His Spirit. If you would live in peace, follow the example of the Prince of Peace. Learn to be...

- Submissive to the Will of God. — Someone once said, “The peace of the soul consists in an absolute resignation to the will of God.”
- Trust your heavenly Father (Matthew 6:19-25).
- Love and serve one another.
- Benevolent and generous with what God puts in your hand.
- Seek not your own good and happiness, but the happiness and good of others.

When they draw near to death, the Prince of Peace floods the hearts of His saints with peace. —
“Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace” (Psalm 37:37).

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And when He calls His people home, the Prince of Peace brings His own into a kingdom of eternal peace.

APPLICATION

- Come to Christ, and go home in peace.
- Trust Christ, my brother, my sister, and live in peace. — “Peace is the smile of God reflected in the soul of the believer.” (William Hendriksen) — Peace of Grace — Peace of Conscience — Peace of Providence.

(John 14:1-3) “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. (2) In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. (3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.”

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(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.”

(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.”

(Philippians 4:4-7) “Rejoice in the Lord always: *and* again I say, Rejoice. (5) Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord *is* at hand. (6) Be careful for nothing; but in everything 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.”

- Live with Christ, and die in peace.

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Amen!