

“Prince Of Peace!”
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 Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace!”

Introduction:

1. We Have Looked Very Closely At The Wonderful Names Given To Our Wonderful Savior In This Wonderful Verse!
 - Jesus Christ Is The Wonderful Counselor!
 - Jesus Christ Is The Mighty God!
 - Jesus Christ Is The Everlasting Father!
 - Jesus Christ Is The Prince Of Peace!
2. Each Of These Names Describe Something Unique To Jesus Christ As Well As Something Desperately Needed By Us!
 - And This Is The Message Of Christmas, That Our Choir Just Sang About!
 - Jesus Christ Was Sent To Meet & Fulfill Our Most Desperate Needs!
3. Another One Of Our Desperate Needs Is Peace!
 - **IE:** Ted Turner, The Founder Of CNN, Is Someone Who Has Long Desired World Peace! To Promote World Peace, He Established The Goodwill Games - To Enhance World Peace, He Chose To Give \$1 Billion To The United Nations - He Also Held A Competition To Find A Book That Would Provide A Plan For World Peace - But, In 1993, Ted Turner Announced To A Gathering Of Contributors That The Competition Was A Failure And That Noone Won! He Said: “ With 10,000 Manuscripts, We Did Not Have One Plausible Treatise On How We Could Get To A Sustainable, Peaceful Future!” (The Columbus Dispatch, 5/10/93)
 - Ted Turner Forgot To Read One Manuscript – The Bible!
 - The Competition Was A Failure Because Ted Turner Did Not Read The Manuscript About The “ Prince Of Peace!”
 - It Is Only The “ Prince Of Peace” Who Can Bring About Real And Sustainable Peace!
4. What Does This Name Given To Jesus, “ Prince Of Peace,” Mean?
 - The Hebrew Word For Peace Is A Familiar Word - Shalom!
 - It Means More Than An Absence Of Strife And War!
 - It Means Completeness, Wholeness, Harmony & Fulfillment!

1. The Need For Peace!

- Why Is There A Need For Peace?
 - Because Of Sin!
 - Isaiah 57:21 - “ There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.”
- What Kind Of Peace Is Needed?
 - Peace Within Yourself Is Desperately Needed!
 - This Lack Of Peace Is Because Of Sin!
 - **IE:** Evidence For This Need Is Found In The Number Of Suicides In The United States And Around The World - According To The American Association Of Suicidology & The Centers For Disease Control And Prevention: “ Approximately 30,000 people in the United States kill themselves each year – About every 18 minutes someone in this country intentionally ends his or her life – it is estimated that an attempt is made about once a minute – The real figure for completed suicides may be as high as three to five times that number because many suicides go unreported – Suicide was the eleventh leading cause of death in the U.S. in 2000 – More people die from suicide than homicide in the United States – Between 1952 and 1995, the incidence of suicide among adolescents and young adults nearly tripled.”
 - Romans 7:23-24 - “ But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?”
 - There Is No Peace Within Man Because Of Sin!

- Peace With Others Is Desperately Needed!
 - This Lack Of Peace Is Because Of Sin!
 - We Find Jealousy, Covetousness, Envy, Adultery, Hatred, Theft, Murder, Gossip, Etc.!
 - **IE:** “A group of academics and historians has compiled this startling information: Since 3600 B.C., the world has known only 292 years of peace! During this period there have been 14,351 wars large and small, in which 3.64 billion people have been killed.”
 - James 4:1 - “From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?”
 - There Is No Peace Amongst Men Because Of Sin!
- Peace With The World Is Desperately Needed!
 - This Lack Of Peace Is Because Of Sin!
 - When God Created Man, He Lived In A Garden, And There Was Harmony Between Him And The Place God Had Given Him To Live And Work – But, When Man Sinned, The Ground Became Cursed – It Opposes Man Instead Of Helping Him!
 - Thorns & Weeds / Tornadoes & Hurricanes / Famine & Drought
 - Genesis 3:17-19 - “And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.”
 - There Is No Peace With Creation Because Of Sin!
- Most Importantly, Peace With God Is Desperately Needed!
 - This Lack Of Peace Is Because Of Sin!
 - James 4:4 - “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”
 - God Does Have Enemies!
 - God’s Enemies Are Those Who Sin!
 - And The Enemy Of God Does Not Have Peace With God!
- Peace Is Desperately Needed!

2. ***The Provision Of Peace!***

- The Good News Of The Gospel Is That Jesus Christ, “The Prince Of Peace,” Came To Provide Peace To Those Who Desperately Need It!
 - Zechariah (John The Baptist’s Father) Believed That The Messiah Would Bring Peace!
 - Luke 1:79 - “To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace!”
 - The Angels Sang Of The Peace That Jesus The Messiah, The Newborn Baby, Would Bring!
 - Luke 2:14 - “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!”
 - The Woman Whose Faith Made Her Whole Was Told By Jesus Christ, The “Prince Of Peace”:
 - Luke 7:50 - “Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace!”
 - When Jesus Announced His Departure He Said:
 - 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!”
 - Jesus Christ Can Provide The Peace You May Desperately Need, Because He Is The “Prince Of Peace!”
- He Can Provide The Peace Within Yourself You Need!
 - Jesus Christ Can Establish Peace, Wholeness, Fulness Within You!
 - Isaiah 35:5-6 - “Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert!”
- He Can Provide The Peace With Others You Need!

- Jesus Christ Can Produce Peace Between You & Others!
- 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!”
- **IE:** A Young Soldier Was Going Off To Fight In World War 2 Against The Japanese. As His Father Put Him On The Train And Waved Good-Bye, He Turned With Bitter Tears And Said, “ If My Son Is Killed, I Hope Every Jap In The World Is Killed!” A Year Later The Son Was Killed! But During That Year, His Once Bitter Father Had Received The Lord Jesus Christ As His Savior! Soon, \$10,000 In Life Insurance Money Arrived. The Father Did A Surprising Thing With The Money! He Sent All Of It To The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board For Missionaries To The Japanese!
 - How Could He Do This? Because He Received The Peace That Only The Prince Of Peace Could Provide!
- He Can Provide The Peace With The World You Need!
 - In The Messiah’s Future Kingdom, Man Will Live In Harmony With Creation!
 - Isaiah 11:6-9 - “ 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. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice’ den. 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!”
- Most Importantly, He Can Provide The Peace With God You Need!
 - Because Of Sin, You Are The Enemy Of God!
 - But Through Jesus Christ, You Can Have Peace With God!
 - Romans 5:1 - “ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ!”
 - Ephesians 2:19 - “ Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God!”

Conclusion:

1. The Peace That You Need Is The Peace That Jesus Christ Can Provide!
 - He Can Provide The Peace You Need Because He Is The “ Prince Of Peace!”
 - He Can Provide The Peace You Need Because He Can Redeem You From Your Sin!
2. If You Need Peace In Your Life, Come To Jesus Christ, The “ Wonderful Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince Of Peace!”
 - Pray In Your Heart The Words Sung By The Choir:
 - “ O Come To My Heart, Lord Jesus, There Is Room In My Heart For Thee!”

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