

“Prince of Peace” Advent Series
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Mankind has never known peace. Our municipalities have laws against disturbing the peace. No peace treaty that man has ever devised has been kept. In man there is no peace; and here is why. It's because man has never been at peace with God, and if there is not peace with God, then there can be no peace in the soul. *Clark Tanner*

Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6-7a “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end...”

- He is our Wonderful Counselor
- He is our Mighty God
- He is our Everlasting Father
- He is our Prince of Peace
- These are more than titles

This whole passage conveys the fact that this Messiah would be a victorious ruler.

He Brings Us Peace

Shalom – also translated “safety, prosperity, success, wellbeing”.

- Shalom is mentioned 236 times in Scripture and 24 times in Isaiah
- Psalm 29:11 ...the Lord blesses his people with peace.
Isaiah 55:12 You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace...
Luke 2:14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

His Government

Luke 1:31-33 “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

- The good news is that God is going to establish his righteous government through Jesus Christ.

Matthew 3:1-2 “In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!’”

Matthew 4:17 “From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”

Matthew 4:23-24 – “And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.”

- The good news of the Kingdom is that God is going to establish his government through Jesus Christ.
- The good news is the Gospel of the Kingdom, the government of God.

Matthew 24:14 “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”

Promise of Peace

Isaiah 57:19-21 “‘I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near,’ Says the Lord, ‘And I will heal him.’ But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. ‘There is no peace,’ Says my God, ‘for the wicked.’”

- There is no peace for those who are wicked.
- Those who refuse the government of God are like the sea that cannot rest.

If you are willing yield to the government of God you can have His peace right now in your life.

Romans 10:8-9 “But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:10-13 “For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, ‘Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Jesus is the only solution

Real peace gives the idea of being fully alive, fully content. Specifically, it means...

1. Security

John 16:33 (NIV) “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

- Peace isn’t the absence of conflict. It’s total assurance/security in the midst of conflict.
- It’s knowing that no matter what happens, God is still in control!

2. Rest

Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV) “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

- Real peace means trusting Jesus to take care of the details of life.

3. Reconciliation

Romans 5:1 (NIV) “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- Perfect peace can only be found when we are reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

4. A Gift

John 14:27 (NIV) “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

- You will never find real peace/security/rest/reconciliation apart from the Prince of Peace.
- He gives us peace because He is the Prince and Author of Peace.

He brings perfect peace.

Isaiah 26:3 “You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.”

5. God’s Peace

Philippians. 4:7 (NIV) “And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Closing:

Do you know real contentment, security, rest in spite of the trials of life?

Can you truly say, “It is well with my soul”?

Colossians 3:15 (NIV) “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.”