

He Shall Be Called: Prince of Peace

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Isa 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

CONTRASTS:

1 Cor 14:33 (God is peace)

God is not a God of disorder but of peace.

Luke 2:12-14 (Angels proclaimed peace on earth)

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

John 14:27 (Jesus promises peace through the Holy Spirit)

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.

Matt 10:34-36 (Jesus also promises a sword instead of peace)

"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law- a man's enemies will be the members of his own household."

1. PEACE IS NOT A FEELING OR STATE OF BEING

2. TRUE PEACE TRANSCENDS CIRCUMSTANCES

Phil 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

3. PEACE IS A PERSON -- JESUS CHRIST!

- NO JESUS, NO PEACE / KNOW JESUS, KNOW PEACE

John 20:19-20 (the resurrected Jesus greeted the disciples this way)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

4. JESUS BECAME PEACE FOR US BY HIS SHED BLOOD

Eph 2:13

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace.

Col 1:19-20

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

We must now...

5. LIVE AS PEACEMAKERS

Matt 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

1 Cor 7:15

God has called us to live in peace.

Col 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

Heb 12:14

Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

We must also...

6. SHARE THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

Eph 6:13, 15

Put on the full armor of God... with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Acts 10:36

You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

CONCLUSION:

Because of Sin, there can be NO PEACE outside of Christ.

To be outside of Christ is to be Opposed to Christ.

And to be in opposition to Christ, Eliminates the possibility of True Peace.

But to be One with Christ, is to have True Peace.

Peace is not something Christ gives Apart from Himself.

It is in Christ that we Receive Peace only by Receiving Him.

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