

He is Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:2-7)

Intro

Today I want to tell you a true story about a King who voluntarily left his peaceful country to go to a land devastated by war.

This King knew that many in this battlefield would not appreciate his ruler ship even though he was what they needed.

This King offered peace and was met at every turn with hostility and ultimately killed by this war torn and hateful people. But little did they know that by killing the King they would ultimately find peace if they trusted his ruler ship. This is the story of the Prince of Peace

Read Isaiah 9:2-7 and Pray

Peace is intentional (9:6)

God's Word through the prophet Isaiah affirms this truth, truth-eternal-perfect peace is not left to chance, but it is intentional.

Listen to the language of intent in the Word: a child is born and a son is given. But Jesus wasn't just born. If we stop here we miss the glorious gospel message of Advent. This child wasn't just born but was born FOR/TO us. To You. To me!

God knew that He couldn't leave peace up to us. We don't fall into peace. This metaphysical abstract idea that we are constantly morally evolving and that one day we finally arrive at "world peace" is impossible. In fact it is not Biblical. We don't just all get along.

You can't even get along with yourself! However—God in His sovereignty intentionally gave his Son to you. Jesus is a peace bomb in a world filled with chaos.

Don't leave peace in your life to chance. God didn't. Find peace—know its name. His name is Jesus the Prince of Peace.

Peace has a name (9:6)

Not only is our peace intentional but God have peace a name. His name is Jesus Christ who will save the world from sin. Just so happens Jesus has another name called Prince of Peace.

This name in the Hebrew is in a construct form linking two nouns. Think of this name in terms of southern language. Isn't it interesting how the Lord is relevant to all societies and contexts. So the Prince OF Peace is better translated Prince-Peace like Mary-Sue or Bobby-Rae. Don't you dare call him Bobby. You cant take the Rae from the Bobby.

This is a heavenly truth you can't septate the prince from the peace. You can't separate Jesus from Peace and you can't separate peace from Jesus.

When you have a longing in your heart for peace, you might not realize it but you are longing for Jesus Christ of Nazareth. You are searching for the one who

said: **John 14:27** “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Your heart must not be troubled or fearful.

Peace has name--- the Prince of Peace – Jesus Christ. When the Father called his Son Peace he was revealing his identity, character.

He is the Prince of Peace (9:6)

Not only is his name peace, but he is the Prince of peace. A prince is a ruler. The word comes from the Latin meaning “a region or state ruled b a prince” (c. 1400)

Why would Isaiah emphasize that Jesus is a Prince? The biblical worldview constantly reminds you that your world is full of other little princes and princesses that compete for the throne. Only one king can rule at a time. Often we play spiritual king of the mountain. Are you today trying to run back up the hill and claim the spot that is no longer yours?

In our lives we have many competing princes that vie for our affections, time, talents, and our resources. These competing princes offer you temporary false peace.

11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the tactics of the Devil. **12** For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers (principalities) , against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens. (Eph 6:12)

“The One who has the sharp, double-edged sword says: **13** I know where you live—where Satan’s throne is! And you are holding on to My name

and did not deny your faith in Me, even in the days of Antipas, My faithful witness who was killed among you, where Satan lives.

Know this truth: only one prince can rule at a time. If Christ rules and reigns your life, heart, and soul will find peace. He truly is the **Prince** of Peace.

He is the Prince of Peace the son of a monarch. Christ is not only the Son of the King He is also the King. Jesus is not a king in waiting. He is the king and He is ready to rule in your life.

What is this Peace that the Prince gives? (9:6)

Peace/Shalom in the OT was not simply nations or people behaving properly and looking out for the interests of others. Heavenly peace is so much more. Shalom is wholeness and right order.

It is Jesus who justifies me. His peace is the one that makes me right and whole before a holy God. The Peace of Christ puts me in right standing before the heavenly father. So I ask: is your life ordered and whole?

A very simple way to illustrate order is to observe the way others behave at a new eating establishment you might call a restaurant. Some when encountering a new menu for the first time freeze up and don't know what to order. What is soft shell crab? It's a soft shell crab... well ill have the roast beef. My approach is different than most. I almost always order the chiefs special. First, I want to order what the chief likes. Second, I want to get a taste of the specialty of the fine dining. Third, even if it's a horrible diner I figure the special is still the best they have to offer.

Listen: our spiritual life is not like ordering off of a menu. We should not wake up each day and try to figure what spiritual virtue we will have in our lives. We don't choose peace today and patience tomorrow because we are "in the mood" for it.

If Christ is over us and in us then He orders for you. And when He reigns he puts your life in order—puts you in right standing before a holy and God. Let him order your life. When you know his peace and shalom... you will then **taste** and see that the Lord is good!

He increases Peace (9:7)

Jesus Christ does not stop at giving peace... He is the Messiah who eternally increases peace. **IF you follow Christ as yourself, is my life more peaceful today than yesterday? If not, are you leaning into His grace and relying upon His mercy?** Don't you want His peace to increase in your life today? This is his holy promise: Trust Me and will increase my peace in your spirit!

We find in the Scriptures that your life can become more chaotic on the outside and your spirit more peaceful on the inside.

Not only does He eternally increase his peace but His peace will have no END! What a beautiful truth: Peace that begins with Jesus has no end. Peace that does not begin with Jesus will end. In the End, we all look for peace.

Is His peace increasing in you today? Trust Him, His peace has no END! Live out this truth today.

Why do I need Peace? (9:6)

You only need peace when you're at war. You are living in a spiritual battlefield. This is not a battlefield in some far away land. This is a war on the home front.

We have a debt of gratitude for those who have served for our freedom especially those in war. They have seen things in war that no man or woman should ever have to experience, all in the name of Peace.

How much greater is the war for our soul and eternal destiny. This war is eternal. This war is at the core of our being. We don't need peace unless we are at war. Beloved we are at war!

This is what sin is and does. Sin is an attack against the holiness of God. Sin says I know best. Sin says "I am my god." Jesus was born to end the war. To bring peace into your life. To reconcile warring people.

How will I respond?

If you have never put your trust in Jesus know that you do not have eternal peace. And if you are searching today for peace... that search will always lead to Jesus Christ.

If you admit you cant do it... believe and trust that Jesus paid for your righteousness and confess him as Prince and King of your live today you will have everlasting peace. Will you responde to the Lord's call upon your life? He desire ALL to find salvation.

Do you or someone you know need peace? Will you spend time in prayer to the only Prince who brings peace?

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Thoughts

- His name/identity/character is Peace
- Peace increases with Christ
 - With Christ peace is constantly increasing
 - Is my life more peaceful today than yesterday?
- There is no end to His Peace
 - Peace that begins with Jesus has no end
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- In the end we all look for peace
- He is Prince
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 - **principality = from the latin meaning "region or state ruled by a prince" attested by c1400.**
 - **Rev. 2:12** "Write to the angel of the church in Pergamum:
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 - "The One who has the sharp, double-edged sword says: **13** I know where you live—**where Satan's throne is!** And you are holding on to My name and did not deny your faith in Me, even in the days of Antipas, My faithful witness who was killed among you, where Satan lives.
 - Only one prince can rule at a time
 - When he rules and reigns my life/heart/soul is at peace
- Peace is a construct Prince-Peace
 - His hyphen name (think southern mary-sue, bobby-rae)
 - You cant separate Jesus from peace
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 - A longing for peace = a longing for Christ
- I need peace when at war
 - My soul is at war against God
 - Jesus brings reconciliation
 - Some have seen and will never discuss the horrors they have experience in the battlefield.
 - How much darker is the war for my soul?
- Peace/Shalom = wholeness and right order
 - He puts my life in order
 - Do you ever get nervous at a new restaurant?
 - We don't have to order something new daily
 - If Christ is over us and in us then he orders. We taste and see that He is good.
 - Let him order for you
 - It is Jesus Christ that puts me in right standing before God. (Justification)

- Peace is intentional
 - He was not just born. He was born FOR/TO us. To you! To me!
 - This metaphysical abstract idea of “world peace” is impossible. We wont just all get along. You cant even get along with yourself!
 - Rather peace is deliberate and Advent was an intentional peace bomb in a world filled with chaos.

Illustration

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Am I like prince john the phony king of England?

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the chef special. I am not sure if I will like what is offered by I am trusting the expert. Give me your best. It is the same way with the Lord. We effectively say by making Him Lord "I need your peace and I trust you to order my life in a way that brings peace."