Christmas

Prince of Peace Message 4

Perry Duggar December 19, 2021

Outline

... And He will be called: ... Prince of Peace... Isaiah

Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)

A. Introduction (Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 1:78-79)

2. Peace with _____. (Ephesians 4:2-4,32; Colossians 3:12-15; James 3:17-18)

3. Peace within _____. (Luke 2:28-32; John 14:27; 16:33; Philippians 4:6-9)

B. The Prince of Peace provides...

1. Peace with ______. (Luke 2:8-14; Romans 5:1,10-11; Colossians 1:19-20)

Answers: 1. God 2. others 3. myself

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Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit <u>brookwoodchurch.org/adults</u>.

Conversation Starter

Describe a time you felt frazzled.

Introduction to this Week's Lesson

Each week during this series, we've focused on one of the four names given to the Messiah as listed in <u>Isaiah 9:6</u>. This week we'll consider Jesus as the *Prince of Peace*.

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

- 1. What do the following passages say about having peace with God?
 - a) <u>Romans 5:1-2</u>
 - b) <u>Romans 8:1-4</u>
 - c) <u>1 Peter 2:24-25</u>
- 2. Jesus came to restore our relationship with God. Have you experienced forgiveness and freedom from sin? Explain.

Read Colossians 3:12–15.

- 3. Experiencing peace with God enables us to have peace with others. Which of the qualities listed in this passage have others said are true of you?
- 4. What does it look like to let the peace of Christ rule in your heart (vs. 15)?

Read Philippians 4:4-9.

5. When was the last time you felt calm during a difficult situation?

- 6. What patterns and habits in your life keep you from experiencing God's peace? What changes can you make?
- 7. Based on this passage, what steps can you take to experience peace?
- 8. Jesus said, 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 (John 14:27 NIV). What's the difference between the peace God gives and the peace the world offers?
- 9. Paul tells us that the God of peace will be with us as we put into practice what we've learned. What will you practice this week?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is training for the soul. If you build these into your everyday life, you're sure to strengthen your relationship with God.

Of the four names given to Jesus in <u>Isaiah 9:6</u>, which one seems more personal and real to you right now? Meditate throughout the week on that particular name as you prepare your heart to celebrate Jesus' birth.

Memory Verse

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)

Daily Reading

 Day 1: Luke 1:78-79
 Day 4: John 16:33

 Day 2: Romans 5:1
 Day 5: 2 Thessalonians 3:16

 Day 3: Colossians 3:12–15
 Day 5: 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, December 26, we'll begin a new 4-part series, *What's the Point*? To prepare read **Ecclesiastes 1:1-11**.



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