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Lesson Four • Isaiah 9:6-7

Give God's Peace a Chance!

The Problem of Peace

Everybody wants it but **NOBODY** can seem to really define it or find it!

The Provision of Peace from the God of Peace

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, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:6-7

Peace is provided through the **PRESENCE** of Christ not the absence of conflict. It comes through Christ changing our **CHARACTER** before changing our circumstances.

God's Solution for Peace

1. The Person of Peace Is **JESUS CHRIST!**

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God's Simple Solution for Peace

NO Christ = **NO** Peace

KNOW Christ = **KNOW** Peace

2. The Price of Peace Is the **CROSS!**

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

and through Him [Christ] to reconcile all things to Himself [God], having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him [Christ], I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. Colossians 1:20 NAS

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." Luke 24:36

3. The Provision of Peace Is Given in Spite of **CIRCUMSTANCES!**

➤ Everyone **WANTS** peace through a change of **circumstances**.

➤ Everyone **NEEDS** peace through a change of **character!**

Peace is the Christ-like response to troubles, threats, and anxious thoughts.

- 1) **Surrender your whole life** to the Prince of Peace! Acts 10:36; Isaiah 26:12
- 2) **Surrender your will** to obeying His Word on a daily basis! Colossians 3:15-16
- 3) **Surrender your worries** to Him as you pray in the Spirit. Philippians 4:6
- 4) **Surrender your ways** to sharing His peace with others! Isaiah 52:7

4. The Prince of Peace Is **COMING AGAIN** to Bring Peace Without End!

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Romans 16:20 ESV

Give God's Peace a Chance!

Let the coming Prince of Peace rule your heart in spite of circumstances, until He comes to crush His enemies and establish His kingdom of peace without end!

Celebrate His Peace in Communion

➤ The partaking of communion is meant to remind us that Jesus Christ is the **Person of peace**.

➤ The pictures in communion represent the **price of peace** on the Cross.

*The bread represents His body broken in punishment for our peace.
The juice represents His blood poured out to purchase our peace.*

➤ The participants in communion are limited those who have received God's **provision for peace** with Himself and with others through Christ.

*Have you been reconciled to God through the faith alone in Christ in alone?
Are you at peace with others without any root of bitterness?*

When the music begins to play all those who know the Prince of peace and are at peace with others are invited to come partake of Communion at one of the four stations in the auditorium. You can take the bread and the cup back to your seat to partake and reflect on all that Christ has done, is doing, and has yet to do to bring peace to yourself, others, and the entire world without end!

➤ The promise of communion is that the **Prince of Peace** is coming again to establish His kingdom on earth and bring peace without end to the world!