

The Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6 “*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

As "Wonderful" he adds COLOR to the DULLNESS of life.

As "Counselor" he adds CLARITY to the DECISIONS of life.

As "The Mighty God" he adds COMFORT for the DEMANDS of life.

As "The Everlasting Father" he adds COMMITMENT for the DIMENSIONS of life.

As "The Prince of Peace" he adds CONTROL for the DISTURBANCES of life.

At his birth angel's declared: “*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*” Lk 2:14
(Peace: Eirene: from eiro: to join, set at one again) Jesus came to make such “peace” possible!

1. Peace With God Involves A Partnership. *Romans 4:25-5:1*

“*Who (Jesus) was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through or Lord Jesus Christ*”

A. Our Faith Partners With God's Facts About:

- 1) **What we are...** *Romans 3:10; 23 (Isa 57:21) “There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.*
- 2) **What we deserve.** *Romans 6:23; 2 Thes. 1:8,9 “In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord...*”
- 3) **What God has done for us:** *Romans 5:8; 2 Cor. 5:21; (Col 1:20) And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him,*

B. As we exercise repentance and faith, God seals us with his Holy Spirit.

- 1) This Is Called Conversion Or Regeneration. *Eph. 1:13,14; 4:30)*

2. The Peace of God involves a Process.

A. This produces consecration (renewal) *Eph. 4:22-24*

B. This process involves:

- 1) **Worshipping the Prince of Peace.** *Phil. 4:6; Isaiah 26:*
 - a) **Our world is at war with God.** *Is 48:22 “There is no peace...unto the wicked”*
 - b) **Many believers are at war with themselves, each other, and even God.** (*James 4:1-6*)
 - c) **Worship is focused time in God's presence.** *2Cor 3:18*
 - d) **His presence produces Peace!** *John 14:27; 16:33; 1 Jn 4:4*

2) Loving the Word of Peace.

- a) **It's through his word that we become “partakers of His divine nature”** (*2 Pt 1:4; Jn 14:21 Psa 119:165*) *Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.. (Ps 119:105)*
- b) **Pr. 3:1,2 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.”**

- b) **By “beholding” (*Focused Worship*) and “behaving” (*Faithful Obedience*) we Become.**
(*2 Cor 3:18; James 1:21-27*)

3) Pursuing the path of peace (Obedience) *Is 59:8 “The way of peace they know not;..”*

- a) **Zacharias' prophecy of John:** (*Luke 1:79*)

4) Yielding To The Spirit Of Peace *Eph 5:18 “be filled with the Spirit”* (also *Jn 15:5; Gal 5:22*)

5) Practicing The Prayer Of Peace. (Ph 4:6,7) *“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer (Proseuchē: prayer {worship}) and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus”*

“Whenever I am troubled and lost in deep despair, I bundle all my troubles up and go to God in prayer, I tell Him I am heartsick and lost and lonely too, That I am deeply burdened and don't know what to do. I know He stilled the tempest and calmed the angry sea, I humbly ask if in His love, He'll do the same for me. Then I just keep quiet and think on thoughts of peace, and As I abide in stillness, my restless murmurings cease.

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a) Ps. 46:10 *“Be still* and know that I am God!”* (*rāpā: let go...and let God!)

6) Becoming a partner & planter of Peace. 1 Cor 3:9 *“we are laborers together with God, ye are God's husbandry”*

Mat 5:9 *“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.”*

James 3:18 *“the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.”*

Conclusion:

1) Peace with God involves a decision that initiates a partnership. (Ro. 5:1)

- Has your faith “partnered with” (responded to) God's grace and truth about your sin and His provision for your salvation? (John 1:12-14; John 3:16-18)
- This decision affects your eternal Destination! 1 Peter 1:3-5

2) The Peace of God is a Process/byproduct of our continuing decisions.

Are you cooperating with God in prioritizing:

- Worshipping the Prince of Peace? Isaiah 26:3
- Loving/Learning the Word of Peace? Ps. 119:165
- Pursuing the path of peace? Ps. 16:11
- Yielding to the Spirit of Peace? Eph. 5:18; Gal. 5:22
- Practicing the Prayer of Peace? Phil. 4:6-8
- Partnering with God to become a Planter of Peace? 1 Cor. 3:9; Mt 5:9; James 3:18

Cultivating the Peace of God Involves and affects your (earthly) daily life and destiny;

In (and for) both Time and Eternity. (1 Tim. 4:8; Mt 25:21)

APPLICATION:

- Have you made *“Peace with God...through our Lord Jesus Christ”?* Ro 5:1
- Are you pursuing and partnering with *“The Peace of God”*, allowing it (Him) to *“keep your hearts and mind Through Christ Jesus?”* (Phil. 4:7)

In Hannah Hunard's classic book “Hinds Feet on High Places”; (based on Hab. 3:17-19)
“Much Afraid” was transformed into Grace and Glory,
and her companions (Sorrow and Suffering) became Joy and Peace.

What is God seeking to do in and through you? (Phil. 2:13)
Will you let Him?