

#### The Prince Of Peace

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For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder. These will be his royal titles: "Wonderful Counselor", "The Mighty God", "The Everlasting Father", "The Prince of Peace". Isaiah 9:6 (TLB)

His ever-expanding, peaceful government will never end. He will rule with perfect fairness and justice from the throne of his father David. He will bring true justice and peace to all the nations of the world. This is going to happen because the Lord of heaven's armies has dedicated himself to do it! Isaiah 9:7 (TLB)

Because of God's tender mercy, the <u>morning light from heaven is</u> <u>about to break upon us</u>, <sup>79</sup> to give <u>light</u> to those who sit in <u>darkness</u> and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of <u>peace</u>.

Luke 1:78-79 (NLT)

Praise God in heaven! <u>Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God.</u> **Luke 2:14 (CEV)** 

# The Prince of Peace promises three kinds of peace:

#### 1. Peace with God.

Through Christ, God made peace between us and himself. And God gave us the work of bringing everyone into peace with him.

2 Corinthians 5:18 (ICB)

### 2. Peace within.

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid.

John 14:27 (TLB)

Let the peace of <u>Christ rule</u> in your hearts... Colossians 3:15a (NIV)

#### 3. Peace with others.

When people live to please the Lord, even their enemies will be at peace with them. Proverbs 16:7 (ERV)

## How do I receive God's peace?

<u>Come to me</u>, all you who are <u>weary and burdened</u>, and <u>I will give you rest</u>. <sup>29</sup> <u>Take my yoke</u> upon you and <u>learn from me</u>, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. **Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)** 

Three steps to having peace in our lives.

1. I come to the Prince of Peace.

Come to me... Matthew 11:28a (NIV)

He will bring true justice and peace to all the nations of the world.

Isaiah 9:7c (TLB)

2. I connect with the Prince of Peace.

Take my yoke... Matthew 11:29a (NIV)

...the government shall be upon his shoulder... Isaiah 9:6b (TLB)

3. *I commit to learn from* the Prince of Peace.

... learn from me... Matthew 11:29a (NIV)

Those who love your teachings will find true peace. Nothing can make them fall.

Psalm 119:165 (ERV)

Don't worry about anything; instead, <u>pray about everything</u>. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. <sup>7</sup> Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds <u>as you live in Christ Jesus</u>. <sup>8</sup> And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. <u>Fix your thoughts on what is true</u>, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. <sup>9</sup> Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:6-9 (NLT)

Lord, you will give perfect peace to those who commit themselves to be faithful to you. That's because they trust in you.

Isaiah 26:3 (NIRV)