



Morningside Church

Sermon Discussion Guide

Title: The Prince of Peace

Date: December 7, 2025

Scripture Text: Isaiah 9:1-7

Notes:

If we like it or not, Christmas will be here soon (sooner than you think). For many it's a time of cheer and happiness as they 'get into the season'. For others it's a holiday they can't wait to be over. They dread the work of decorations or the expense of purchasing gifts. You may be in one of these two scenarios (or somewhere in between). Regardless, both can be stressful and not peaceful. Happiness is fleeting, but the 'peace that passes all understanding' ([Phil. 4:7](#)) is eternal. That kind of peace is only available through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Today we continue our observance of Advent, which is intended to help keep us focused on Jesus and to prepare our hearts for the celebration of His birth. This week the focus is PEACE. Because of the redemptive work of Christ, we can experience true peace. Let us look at how we can experience the true peace of Christ.

I. The Place Peace Abounds ([Isa. 9:1](#))

Zebulun and Naphtali were two northern tribes hit hard by the Assyrian invasion in 733 BC. As a result, the people experienced gloom and anguish. Even though the reason for the invasion was the Israelites disobedience, these were still dark times. But even in the deepest, darkest of times, God can bring peace. [Matt. 4:12-16](#) describes Jesus bringing glory back to the region. The tribes Zebulun and Naphtali are in the same region of what would eventually be called Galilee where Jesus spent the majority of His earthly ministry.

- Today, peace is not found in a geographic location. It is found in the heart ([John 14:27](#)). How can God's peace settle a troubled heart?
- What are ways people pursue peace, apart from Jesus?
- How would you define peace that is only available from God?

Remember: It is impossible to experience the peace of God until you have peace with God.

II. The Promise that Peace will Abound ([Isa. 9:3-5](#))

The promise is made, one day God's people will experience peace. Gladness will be increased ([vs. 3](#)), There will be rejoicing ([vs. 3](#)), the burdensome yoke will be broken ([vs. 4](#)), and the fruits of war will be done away with ([vs. 5](#)). Ultimately, this promise will be fulfilled in the Millennial Kingdom, but until then God's people can still experience peace through Christ, regardless of circumstances, as part of God's kingdom, His church. Peace is one of the 9 fruit of the Spirit listed in [Gal. 5:22-23](#) and is available to all believers.



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- Even though peace is available, some choose to forfeit it through a variety of ways...
 - Improper Perspective (Isa. 26:3). When the storms of life roll in, they focus on the storm instead of the God of the storm.
 - How would you encourage someone going through a storm to keep their eyes on Jesus?
 - Compromise Spiritually. Living a life not fully committed to Christ. Following their own priorities instead of God's. Seeking peace in places other than God.
 - Why is it unrealistic to expect to experience God's peace in the midst of disobedience?
 - What is the solution for those who have compromised spiritually? How can they 'get right with God' and experience His peace?
 - Not Saved.
 - How would you describe the peace of God to a non-believer?

III. The Person Through Whom Peace will Abound (Isa. 9:6-7)

"*He will be called:*" literally 'one will call his name'. In its highest use, 'name' sums up character; it declares the person. The perfection of this King is seen in his qualification for ruling (*Wonderful Counsellor*), his person and power (*Mighty God*), his relationship to his subjects (*Everlasting Father*) and the society his rule creates (*Prince of Peace*). "(Motyer)

- Among many things, Jesus is the *Prince of Peace*, meaning He is the *Administer of Peace*. How does Jesus administer peace to believers?
- The term for 'peace' in [vs. 6](#) literally means 'to be whole, complete'. How are believers made whole through the Prince of Peace, Jesus?
- How have you experienced God's peace?
- How does God's peace equip us to successfully endure life's storms?
- How can focusing on the Prince of Peace enhance your Christmas celebration?

"There will be no universal peace until the Prince of Peace appears." ~ J. C. Ryle

"He whose birth we commemorate this season is more than the symbol of a holiday. He is the Son of God, the Creator of the earth, the Jehovah of the Old Testament, the fulfillment of the Law of Moses, the Redeemer of mankind, the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace." ~ Gordon B. Hinckley

"Your future does not hinge on the world situation, however grim it might become. It depends on what happened 2,000 years ago at the cross and your acceptance or rejection of the Prince of Peace." — Billy Graham