

The PRINCE OF PEACE

Isa 9:6-7 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. **7** Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isa 9:1-5 ¶ Nevertheless the dimness *shall not be* such as *was* in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict *her by* the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. **2** The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. **3** Thou hast multiplied the nation, *and* not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, *and* as *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil. **4** For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. **5** For every battle of the warrior *is* with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but *this* shall be with burning *and* fuel of fire.

John Calvin's Verse Commentary [Isaiah 9:5](#) *For every battle.* Here commentators are nearly agreed that Isaiah intended to contrast the victory which God was about to give to his people with other victories. Others conquer by making a great slaughter of the enemies, but here the Lord will conquer by his own hand alone. He expresses more fully what he had said, *As in the day of Midian.* (Verse 4.) The Lord therefore, he says, will not employ the agency of a great multitude, but will achieve a victory for himself from heaven. When the Lord acts by himself, every covering is removed, and we perceive more clearly that he is the Author of our life and salvation.

PUZZLED, MYSTIFIED, CONFOUNDED, BAFFLED, BEWILDERED

NOT the GOVERNMENT but GOD

NOT a RELIGION but RELATIONSHIP

NOT an ELECTION but EXPERIENCE

NOT a MAN but THE MAN

NOT a PREACHER but THE PRINCE OF PEACE

NOT a CHURCH but CHRIST

DISMAY, DISDAIN, DISENCHANTMENT, DISOBEDIENCE, DISTRUST

We need to note and consider there are FOUR TYPES OF PEOPLE:

- Peace-breakers
- Peace-fakers
- Peace-makers
- Peace-takers

GOD'S WORK IN PEACE

Isaiah 59:8 The way of peace they know not; and *there is* no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

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THE PROMISE OF PEACE

John 14:25-27 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

THE PURSUIT OF PEACE

SOME PEOPLE PURSUE PEACE IN THINGS

Isaiah 59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:..... **Isaiah 59:8** The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

THE PLACE OF PEACE

PEACE AND THE WRITTEN WORD

Psalms 119:165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

PEACE AND THE INCARNATE WORD

John 20:19-21 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

THE PEACE WITH GOD

Romans 5:1-2 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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Philippians 4:6-8 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

1. Knowing the Peace Of God Requires Peace With God
2. Biblical Peace Does Not Come by Changing Circumstances
3. Biblical Peace May Not Result in a Reduction of the Chaos

Mark 4:35-41 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

JOHN 14:1-6 "LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED"

PEACE FOUND IN CHRIST

"For unto us a child is born, ...his name shall be called . . . The Prince of Peace" ([Isa. 9:6](#))

"Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace" ([Job 22:21](#)) ¶ Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.

"Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it" ([Ps. 34:14](#)) Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace" ([John 16:33](#)) These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength" ([Isa. 26:3, 4](#)).

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the *world* giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" ([John 14:27](#)).