

Sermon: “*Jesus: The Prince of Peace*”

Text: Isaiah 9:6 (page 573 in pew Bible)

I. The disillusionment caused by the absence of peace

II. The declaration of peace

Micah 4:4-5 “He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God... And **he will be their peace.**”

Isaiah 54:10 “Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor **my covenant of peace** be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.”

Luke 1:76-79 “And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

Acts 10:36 “You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling **the good news of peace** through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.”

II Thessalonians 3:16 “Now may **the Lord of peace** himself give you peace at all times and in every way.”

Hebrews 13:20 “Now may **the God of peace...**”

III. The definition of peace

Peace from God is “*shalom!*”

IV. The demolition of peace

A. Our condition

Isaiah 59:2 “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.”

We are in a condition of:

- **Darkness (Eph. 5:8)**
- **Death (Romans 8:6)**
- **Hostility (Romans 8:7); KJV “Enmity”**
- **Rebels, Ungodly, Sinful, Unholy, Irreligious (I Timothy 1:9)**
- **Alienated and enemies (Colossians 1:21)**

B. God’s position

“We were – by nature – objects of wrath.” Eph. 2:3

V. God’s determination to restore peace

A. Peace is not achieved by anything we do.

Isaiah 64:6 “All our righteous acts are like filthy rags;

B. Peace is received by faith in what Christ has done.

I Peter 2:24 “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

Romans 5:1 “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**”

III. The derivation of peace