

# **“HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED. . . THE ‘PRINCE OF PEACE’”**

**(Part Five – series on Bible Names for the Divine Son)**

**TEXT:** Isaiah 9:6,7

**INTRODUCTION:** We hear much about peace at Christmastime, but the perception of most people about the peace of Christmas is pretty muddled. The peace that men long for so desperately seems to elude them. We must go to the Bible to learn about the true source and method of peace. Of all the titles given by the inspired prophet to the coming Messiah, “Prince of Peace” is the most climatic and descriptive. In fact, all five titles are pretty remarkable for a baby!

Jesus brings peace to the individual heart and will ultimately bring peace to the world. That peace will never be broken. It will never end. It will only increase.

**OUTLINE:** Let us look deeper into God’s Word to see how Jesus is both a prince and a peacemaker.

## **I. Jesus is a PRINCE.**

(Acts 3:15; 5:31)

- A.** He receives honor (Jn. 5:23; Phil. 2:9-11).
- B.** He possesses power (Matt. 28:18; Acts 5:31).
- C.** He exercises dominion (1 Cor. 15:25).
  - 1. Now in spiritual form
  - 2. Literally in the future Kingdom (9:7; Zech. 14:9; Dan. 2:44; Ps. 9:8-10)

## **II. Jesus is a PEACEMAKER.**

(Eph. 2:13-18)

- A.** He offers peace from God (Rom. 1:7).
- B.** He makes peace with God (Rom. 5:1).
- C.** He brings us into the peace of God (Phil. 4:7).
- D.** He will usher in a kingdom of peace (Isa. 2:4; Mic. 4:3).
  - 1. Announced (Lk. 2:14)
  - 2. Available
  - 3. Augmented (Isa. 9:7)

**CONCLUSION:** The words of the angels to the shepherds are often repeated at Christmastime, “peace on earth, good will toward men.” But for 2,000 years there has been no time when there has been worldwide peace – only incessant “wars and rumours of wars.” Christ testified of Himself, “I came not to bring peace, but a sword.” What a paradox coming from the lips of the “Prince of Peace”!

Only those who have submitted to His sovereign Lordship can experience His peace. Universal peace will only be realized when there is universal knowledge and homage to the Prince of Peace – the King of kings and Lord of lords. In the meantime, “blessed are the peacemakers,” the ambassadors of peace.