

**MESSAGE:** WHO IS THIS JESUS? *Prince of Peace* 12.22.19

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### GETTING STARTED

1. What would you describe as your “Happy Place”; that place where you are relaxed, at peace?
2. What qualities would you say contribute to a sense of peace in society vs. conflict and war? What are the contributing factors for attaining peace?
3. Was there anything in this week’s message that caught your attention, challenged you or confused you? Explain.

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Pastor Al talked about the name “Prince of Peace” that defined Jesus. What descriptive words would you use to define a kingdom labeled as peaceable?
2. Read Romans 5:1. Who do we have peace with in this passage? What kind of peace is Paul talking about?
3. Read Galatians 5:22. Describe what the “fruit” of peace looks like in this context?
4. Colossians 1:15 talks about peace ruling our heart. How would you explain that to someone who asked?
5. Read Matthew 10:34. How do you explain this passage in light of all these verses about peace? What are the areas of your life where you “battle” for peace?

### TAKE AWAY

1. What parts of this week’s message can you apply to your life today to give you comfort, strength and security? Discuss it with others.
2. Pick one area of your life that you feel brings you the most discontent and/or anxiety. Ask God to show you what adjustments you can make to bring peace into that area of your life.
3. How can people be praying for you this week? Avoid isolation and reach out for help.

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### MESSAGE NOTES

#### Who is this Jesus? Isaiah 9:6 - “Prince of Peace”

<sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned...

<sup>5</sup>Every warrior’s boot used in battle  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be destined for burning,  
will be fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end. (Isaiah 9)

Luke 2:13-14

John 14:27

**This world’s “peace” doesn’t last & basically boils down to negatives...**

- **Absence of war/conflict for a time**
- **Just don’t fight: live & let live...leave each other alone**

**But the peace Jesus came here to gives us lasts and includes not only the absence of trouble/fear/strife but the presence of the harmony God created us to have with Him, each other, ourselves, and the whole creation.**

Ephesians 2:14, 17

1. Jesus, The Prince of Peace, \_\_\_\_\_ to roll back the brokenness when He came the \_\_\_\_\_ time.

*Colossians 1:19-20*

...Peace \_\_\_\_\_ God brings peace/shalom \_\_\_\_\_ us

...Then the Peace \_\_\_\_\_ God brings shalom \_\_\_\_\_ us

2. The Prince of Peace calls us to \_\_\_\_\_ to

\_\_\_\_\_.

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Matthew 5:9)*

*Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace.... (Romans 14:19)*

*But the fruit of the Spirit is...peace....(Galatians 5:22)*

**This is the “Saturday” between Good Friday (where Jesus won our peace back at the cross) and The Final Resurrection Day (when He will finish rolling back all the brokenness.)**

**“Saturday Living” means following The Prince of Peace to**

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**in our fragile, broken world.**

3. One day Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the roll-out of shalom!!!

*Revelation 21*

Key: started, first; with, to; of, through; join Him, bring shalom; make peace, bring His shalom; return, finish