

Prince of Peace

Isa 9:6

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Background

Join us on this final Sunday of Advent as we discover who is our Prince of Peace. We are often at odds with God and the world around us, even ourselves, and we need peace. More than that, we need the one who makes all things right, bringing peace into our lives both now and for all eternity.

Sermon Text: Isa 9:1-7 (ESV)

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

- ² The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
 those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
 on them has light shone.
- ³ You have multiplied the nation;
 you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
- ⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
 and the staff for his shoulder,
 the rod of his oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
 and every garment rolled in blood
 will be burned as fuel for the fire.
- ⁶ **For to us a child is born,
 to us a son is given;
 and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
 and his name shall be called
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
- ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace

there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Discussion Questions

1. Preparation

- a. What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- b. What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- c. What stands out to you the most from this sermon?

2. Sunday questions

- a. Becca shared about Christmas movies in her introduction. What is your favorite Christmas movie and why? How does the theme of peace manifest itself in it?
- b. In Isaiah, Israel was in the need of good news. During this Advent season, are you in need of good news? Why or why not?
- c. Becca defined a lack of peace as “being at odds with something or someone.” She then defined peace as “not being at odds and wholeness and flourishing.” How do you typically think about the peace that Jesus brings?
- d. From the Gospels, where do you see the peace of Jesus the most? Another way to ask it is – what story/teaching in the Gospels reveals the peace of Jesus best for you and why? [For me, two stories come to mind: (1) the calming of the storm (outer peace) and (2) the healing of demon-possessed people (inner peace)].
- e. Where in your life do you need the peace of Jesus right now? Make that your prayer during these next couple of weeks.

**** NOTE: There will be no questions the next two weeks (after 12/25 and 1/1). ****