

**PRINCE OF PEACE**  
**HOW JESUS CAN BE THE PRINCE OF PEACE IN OUR HEARTS TODAY**  
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*“For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end.” Isaiah 9:6*

**Introduction**

Jesus made a way for us to have a peace with God that will bring peace to every other area of our lives. Jesus wants to be the Prince of Peace in your life today. He wants to replace fear with His presence, and help us “bury the hatchet” in every area that we feel hostility and discord in our lives.

*“My peace I give to you, not as the world gives. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”  
John 14:27*

I. Important truths about peace

A. We all \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of peace in our lives today.

The Greek word for peace is “eirene,” which means inner harmony and completeness, the ability to live undisturbed and unmolested by fear, moral conflict, and inner hostilities.

B. This peace doesn’t come from the outside; the world can’t give real peace. Things that will never bring peace to our lives –

1. Politicians
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Escapes
4. Being in \_\_\_\_\_

C. Only Jesus can provide real peace in our lives.

1. Peace comes from being in harmony with God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for our lives.

*“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those who have his good will.” Luke 2:14,  
God’s Word Translation*

2. Peace is not the absence of pressure. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus filling our hearts.

*“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the **peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7*

*“Suddenly, a fierce storm struck the lake, with waves breaking into the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!” Jesus responded, “Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!” Then he got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm. The disciples were amazed, “Who is this man?” Even the winds and waves obey him!” Matthew 8:24-27*

D. Peace is God's prayer and longing for our \_\_\_\_\_ world.

*"Peace on earth, good will towards man." Luke 2:14*

1. We live in a harsh, hostile, and violent world. The hostility is not just with guns but with \_\_\_\_\_ and choices we make that wound people's spirits.

*"If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other." Galatians 5:15*

2. The root of the problem is \_\_\_\_\_ all of us, and it is something only Jesus can heal.

*"What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?" James 4:1*

3. It is only when \_\_\_\_\_ is the Prince of Peace in our heart that the resentments can be broken, hostility can be replaced with love, and fears replaced with His presence.

## II. How Jesus brings peace to our world

- A. By showing us the path and way of peace. He didn't wait for the world to choose to be reconciled to Him, He chose to be the reconciler of the world. His love was for even His enemies. He didn't wait for people to \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness. He gave it to those who didn't deserve it. Jesus saw the source of evil not as people, but as a Satanic force that could be defeated by forgiveness and love.

- B. He \_\_\_\_\_ the price for peace.

*"For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility." Ephesians 2:14*

Peace comes within us when we are assured that we are forgiven and have peace with God based completely on what Jesus did for us, not what we can do to **deserve** it. Peace with God gives us peace with ourselves and frees us to live at peace with others. The byproduct of realizing we are forgiven much is that we spontaneously are free to love much and let go of all that has hurt us.

- C. He liberates us to make \_\_\_\_\_ of peace. Choices of peace –

1. Accept forgiveness
2. Give up our \_\_\_\_\_. We must daily make the choice. Will we get even or will we get peace? Will we grab for control or surrender to God and receive peace? Will we judge and resent people or release people and be at peace? Will we justify ourselves and live at odds with God, or confess our sins and be at peace? Will we fight for our rights and be in turmoil, or will we surrender to God's will and be at peace?
3. Surrender our anxieties to God in \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Each new morning, before you awaken, life makes a delivery to your front door, rings the doorbell, and runs. Each package is cleverly wrapped. Put together, they comprise a series of challenging opportunities, brilliantly disguised as unsolvable problems. They are wrapped in paper with big print: 'WATCH OUT-BETTER WORRY ABOUT THIS.' 'DANGER-THIS WILL BRING FEAR.' 'IMPOSSIBLE-YOU'LL NEVER HANDLE THIS ONE.' When you hear the ring in the morning, try something new... have Jesus Christ answer the door for you." –Chuck Swindoll*

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