

## THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Isaiah 9:6,7

“<sup>6</sup>For unto us Child is born, unto us Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The Everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace**. <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of The **LORD** of hosts will perform this” (Isa. 9:6,7).

### The Translation of The Septuagint Rendering of The Old Testament

“<sup>6</sup>Since unto-us Educable-Child [aor. pass.]was-being-beggotten, unto-us Son [aor. pass.]was-given: the principality of-Whom became upon the shoulder of-His: and the name of-His is-being-called Messenger of-Great Counsel, for I-shall-bring peace upon the rulers<sup>[magistrates]</sup> and health to-Him. <sup>7</sup>The principality of-His great!<sup>[nom. of excl.]</sup> and to-the Peace of-His there-is no limit; upon the throne of-David and The Kingdom of-His, to-set-straight and to-establish <sup>[loc. &v]</sup>in-judgment and <sup>[loc. &v]</sup>in-righteousness from the now even /forever. The zeal of-The **LORD** of-Hosts shall-do this” (Isa.9:6,7 LXX APT).

### Part 28

#### Introduction:

We have been studying the seven aspects of the second of six facts about The Lord Jesus Christ as to **Who The Prince of Peace Is**. These are:

**I. What is Peace; II. Who The Prince of Peace Is; III. What He Came To Do; IV. When He Came; V. Where He Now Is; VI. When He Comes Again.**

In the last twenty-seven lessons we completed the first two facts, **What is Peace** and **Who The Prince of Peace Is**. Then we considered the third fact **What He Came to Do** and so far we have covered the first eight reasons of at least twelve reasons and unequalled achievements The Prince of Peace came to Earth to perform. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself declared the first seven reasons during His life on Earth. Then there are five more reasons for His coming that were declared by John at the end of his life between A.D. 90-94.

#### III. What The Lord Jesus Christ Came to Do.

We have already considered the first seven reasons why The Lord Jesus Christ Came to Earth, the first seven of which The Prince of Peace declared of Himself and the last five were declared by John, The Beloved Disciple before his death.

- A. He Came to Do The Determined Will of His Father, The God.
- B. He Came to Die in order to Fulfill The First Exploit.
- C. He Came to Summon Sinners unto Repentance.
- D. He Came to Set Humans at Variance and Division between Close Family Members.
- E. He Came to Reveal and Demonstrate The God’s Miraculous Power and Authority.
- F. He Came to Ignite Fire onto the Earth.
- G. He Came to Give His Natural Life in Exchange for many Sinners.
- H. He Brought The Word of The God into Being.
- I. He Came to Reveal The God’s Person.

We noted four factors that define this ninth reason why The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace came to Earth as The Son of (a-Hu)Man. These are: 1. To Exposit The Father (1:18); 2. To Exhibit The Way, The Truth, and The Absolute Life (14:6a); 3. To Explain The Way to The Father (14:6b-10); and 4. To Exemplify Faith (11).

In our last lesson we reviewed the four factors that define this ninth reason why The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace came to Earth as The Son of (a-Hu)Man. These are: 1. To Exposit The Father; 2. To

Exhibit The Way, The Truth, and The Absolute Life; 3. To Explain The Way to The Father, to The Truth; and to Eternal Absolute Life along with Accompanying Factors; and 4. To Exemplify Faith, which is **Persistent Committed Trust to and in Him** which expanded the Truth disclosed in the **progressive revelation of The God** and vital doctrines relative to The God's Plan of Salvation and The True Church belonging to Him.

Firstly, He Came to Exposit The Father. The Lord Jesus appeared publicly on Earth and exegeted or made a full revelation of The God.

The express ultimate purpose of His coming was to make humans aware and become more knowledgeable of The God, His Grace, Truth, Perfect Peace, and a Salvation that provides Absolute Life and union with Him and with and through His Son, with The Holy Spirit as well as to provide the power to be completely obedient to Him persistently.

Secondly, He came to Exhibit The Way, The Truth, and The Absolute Life. All three of these factors (elements which contribute to a result) were exhibited by The Lord Jesus because He became the personification of each to demonstrate the reality of availability to humans and to display the results thereof. The result of access to The Father provides access to Heaven, Salvation, Redemption, Release from Bondage to Satan and Sin, Forgiveness of sins, Regeneration, Justification, Imputed Righteousness, and Perfect Peace enabling His disciples to Understand Truth and possess Eternal Absolute Life.

Thirdly, He Came to Explain The Way to The Father, to The Truth; and to Eternal Absolute Life along with Accompanying Factors.

The absolutely-only way of access to approach, to see, and to know The Father is through or by means of His Son, The Lord Jesus Christ. And absolutely only by means of Him do humans have access to the above mentioned eleven results since He is also the Personification of Truth and of Eternal Absolute Life (Jn. 14:6a).

The Lord Jesus Christ came to be the human personification of these three necessary aspects of the needs of humanity to experience the wonderful purpose for which humans were created and to provide the way of access to His Father and to the nine accompanying factors. There is absolutely **no other way** of access to God The Father **but** by coming to and through His Son, The Lord Jesus Christ and placing persistent committed trust (faith) in Him. In doing this one becomes a disciple of The Lord Jesus Christ, but needs to identify with one who previously has been or is in the process of being discipled at least in the second stage of discipleship or has been weekly discipled by a mature disciple for at least six months.

There is absolutely **no other way** of access to Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth **but** by coming to and through the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is The Truth and through The Word of The God, Which is the explanation of and the means of communication of The Truth, and the means by which The Truth came (Jn. 1:14,17; 14:6). This is because He is the personification of Truth.

Again there is absolutely **no other way** of access to The Eternal Absolute Life because **He is** The Absolute Eternal Life and the personification of The Eternal Absolute Life (Jn. 14:6; 17:3).

Then we resumed our study by quoting again what Paul wrote to The Galatians about Jesus Christ's Faith, adding to the progressive revelation of this topic of vital doctrine concerning Salvation, that apart from the understanding and application of this, every human remains in darkness, hopelessness, and in bondage to Sin and Satan.

Fourthly, He Came to Exemplify Faith, which is Persistent Committed Trust to and in Him, which Truth expands the Truth disclosed in the **progressive revelation of The God** and the vital doctrines relative to The God's Plan of Salvation and The True Church belonging to Him.

In this fourth factor The Lord Jesus provided His disciples, as well as all who read or hear This Gospel read or proclaimed, an example of the meaning of 'action in faith' which has often been translated and referred to as 'believe.' But it has a deeper meaning than 'simply believe.' It is in the progressive present tense (the linear tense calling for duration) and should be rendered as 'persistent committed trust.' In this passage in John 14, The Lord Jesus introduced to His disciples This Great Truth of 'persistent committed trust' which all are commanded to place in Him.

The only time previous to this in which He used this term and also used the term 'in union with' was in John 10:23-39, when certain Jews challenged Him and sought to stone Him. It was not until Paul recorded The Epistle to The Galatians that God's progressive revelation of This Truth of The Lord Jesus Christ's own Faith was expanded and exemplified further in his Epistles to The Ephesians and Philippians. We suspended our study by noting what Paul wrote about Jesus Christ's Faith adding to the progressive revelation in relation to Its full meaning, 'persistent committed trust' (Gal. 2:16,20; 3:22).

“<sup>15</sup>We, Jews . . . <sup>16</sup>being-aware that a-human<sup>[generic]</sup> is-continually- not -being-justified<sup>[declared: righteous, freed of: blame, guilt, and/or penalty of Sin]</sup> <sup>[instr. êv]</sup>by-means-of works <sup>0</sup>of-Law, except through<sup>[intr. agcy]</sup> Jesus Christ's <sup>0</sup>Faith<sup>[comm. tr.]</sup>, even ourselves, we-committed-persistent-trust unto Christ Jesus in-order-that we-be-justified<sup>[declared:righteous, freedof:blame,guilt,and/or penalty of Sin]</sup> <sup>[instr. êv]</sup>by-means-of Christ's <sup>0</sup>Faith<sup>[comm. tr.]</sup> and not <sup>[instr. êv]</sup>by-means-of <sup>0</sup>works <sup>0</sup>of-Law, for-the-reason-that all flesh shall not -be-justified <sup>[instr. êv]</sup>by-means-of <sup>0</sup>works <sup>0</sup>of-Law. . . . <sup>20</sup><sup>[cons. perf.]</sup> I-stand-crucified-together with-Christ but <sup>[subjv.]</sup>I-Absolutely-Live. No longer myself<sup>[emph. use]</sup>, but Christ Absolutely-Lives <sup>[loc. êv]</sup>in-me. In-fact what~ now I-Absolutely-Live <sup>[loc. êv]</sup>in-flesh, I-Absolutely-Live by-means-of <sup>0</sup>Faith <sup>[comm. tr.]</sup>, <sup>[namely]</sup> the-one^ belonging-to The Son-of-The God, The-One <sup>[caus. aor.ptcp.]</sup>because-loving<sup>[sovereignly-prefer-over-self-and-others]</sup> me also delivered-over Himself in-behalf-of myself<sup>[emph. obj.gen.]</sup>” (Gal. 2:16,20; 3:22 APT).”

Now we resume our study of the Twelve Reasons why The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace came to Earth as The Son of The (Hu)Man as we further consider the progressive revelation of The Christ and then take up with the tenth reason, recorded by John in his Gospel which is the third of the five reasons that John gave as to why The Lord Jesus Christ came to Earth. Persistent Committed Trust involves two additional acts on the part of the sinner. a. Progressive Revelation Involves Appropriating **all** the Blessings and Factors of Doctrine Relative to Redemption and Eternal Absolute Life and b. Persistent-Committed Trust **along with The Forfeiture** of all Accomplishments and all the things Considered Gains while in the flesh before Regeneration is Absolutely Necessary.

a. Persistent Committed Trust Involves Appropriating **all** the Blessings and Factors of Doctrine relative to Redemption and Eternal Absolute Life (Eph. 3:3-20).

“<sup>8</sup>To-me, the most-minimal-one<sup>+ [comp. forsuprl.]</sup> of-all the saints, this /grace <sup>[aor. mid. pass.]</sup>was-being-given the untraceable<sup>[a track unable to be explored]</sup> wealth of-The Christ in-order-to-evangelize <sup>[loc. êv]</sup>among-the-Gentiles<sup>[nations]</sup> <sup>9</sup>and to-illuminate all <sup>[people]</sup>a-certain-thing, the Fellowship in the Mystery, the-one<sup>+</sup> from the ages having-been-kept-secret <sup>[loc. êv]</sup>in-The God, Who<sup>[art.</sup>

as pm.] created the all-things~ through<sup>[inter. agcy.]</sup> Jesus Christ <sup>9</sup>and to-illuminate all <sup>[people]</sup> a-certain-thing, the Fellowship in the Mystery, the-one+ from the ages having-been-kept-secret <sup>[loc. év]</sup>in-The God, Who<sup>[art. as pm.]</sup> created the all-things~ through<sup>[inter. agcy.]</sup> Jesus Christ <sup>10</sup>in-order-that now to-the principalities<sup>[a class of angels, cf. Col. 1:16]</sup> and to-the authorities the celestials He-make-known<sup>[cf. 1Cor.11:10]</sup> <sup>[intrm.agcy.]</sup>by-means-of The Church the manifold wisdom of-The God, <sup>11</sup>according-to <sup>0</sup>purpose <sup>[obj.gen]</sup>for-the-ages, which He-made<sup>assv. év</sup>in-association-with-Christ Jesus, The Lord of-ours, <sup>[év w/dat.]</sup>in-union-with-Whom we-continually-have boldness and the access <sup>[imprs. mns.]</sup>with-assuredness<sup>[persuasion]</sup> by-means-ofThe Faith<sup>[committed trust]</sup> of- His'' (Eph. 3:8-12 APT).

Committing persistent trust in The Lord Jesus Christ involves getting to know Him and learning of The Truth of His Faith which enabled Him to accomplish so much for The Redemption of humans. Then in sincerity we must repent of our sins and begin committing persistent trust (Faith) for Salvation. (But without repentance **and** Faith there is no forgiveness!) For it is by His Faith (v. 12), not our faith, that we are justified. It is our faith in Him and in His Faith that all humans have the possibility to utilize His Faith in order to be justified, that is to be declared: righteous, freed of all blame, all guilt, and the penalty of Sin and thus receive the Forgiveness of all sins; therefore Redeemed and Released from Bondage to Satan and Sin. Also included with justification is: reconciliation to The God, our sins imputed to The Crucified Christ and His righteousness imputed to us, and Sanctification which sets us apart for The God from ungodly sinners and the world, experientially separating us unto The God and conforming us more and more like Christ in holiness through The Word and ultimately and permanently perfects them in holiness to be like Christ perfectly (2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Thes. 3:13; Heb. 12:14).

Paul explained in Ephesians 3:3-21 that He was given grace to evangelize the Gentiles for the specific purpose of making known to the Heavenly beings, by means of The Church (1 Cor. 11:10), the abundant and diverse wisdom of The God, and His purpose for The ages by means of The Lord Jesus Christ's Faith. This can only be accomplished if each local church seeks both corporately and individually to fulfill all The Commands that The Lord Jesus Christ gave to His disciples and all The Truth taught in The New Testament. Any disobedience not corrected or disciplined is teaching negative behavior to the Heavenly beings and shall be judged by The Godhead on Judgment Day. Also it indicates that those, who do disobey and fail to repent of their disobedience, are not persistently committing trust to The Lord Jesus Christ and therefore do not possess Absolute Eternal Life because it takes both repentance **and** committed trust (faith) in The Lord Jesus Christ to enter The Kingdom of The God (Mk. 1:15 APT), wherein is Salvation, Redemption, Regeneration, and Eternal Absolute Life.

Then in mid A.D. 62 The Spirit of God revealed to Paul as He motivated him to write the Epistle to The Ephesians. Let us read again the passage in which The Holy Spirit disclosed more information concerning the progressive revelation regarding The Lord Jesus Christ's faith quoted above (Eph. 3:8-12 APT). {Please read again this passage quoted above. Thank you!}

**Therefore it is not by our faith that we have access and assuredness to The Father with all His abundant and diverse wisdom, but rather by means of His Faith and our persistent committed trust to and in Him** who initially committed persistent trust

to His Father in order to provide Redemption, Salvation and Eternal Absolute Life for all who shall commit persistent trust to Him. Then because we become members of His Church, which is in union with Him, we share corporately in being the channel through which He makes it known to all The Heavenly beings, which are principalities and authorities in The celestial realm. And then after being disciplined by a more mature disciple we make This Bless'ed Truth known to every human we meet according to His New Commandment (Testament) to His disciples. But somewhere in History in the latter years 'the torch was dropped' and The Church has failed to propagate this Truth. How important it is that we be obedient to all the teachings of His New Testament Truth!

- b. Persistent-committed-trust along with the forfeiture of all accomplishments and all the things considered gains while in the flesh before regeneration is absolutely necessary to acquire the learning experience of the continuous surpassingness of the knowledge of The Christ, gain The Christ, and be found in union with Him, having His Righteousness imparted, and later in the future, when He comes back for His Church, we shall participate in the better Resurrection which is available only to His regenerated disciples (Phil. 3:7-12).

“<sup>7</sup>On-the-contrary whatever-things<sup>~</sup> were gains to-me, these<sup>~</sup> I-have-deemed-loss-for-the-sake-of The Christ. <sup>8</sup>On-the-contrary, yes-indeed-rather, also I-am-persistently-deeming all-things<sup>~</sup> to-be loss-for-the-sake-of [pres. subs. artl ptc.]the-surpassingness of-the knowledge<sup>[from exp.]</sup> of-Christ Jesus, The Lord of-mine, for-the-sake-of Whom [aor. mid.]I-of-myself-forfeited<sup>[suffered-the-loss-of]</sup> all-things<sup>~</sup> and [pres.]I-continue-deeming-them<sup>|</sup> -to-be-dung<sup>&</sup> in-order-that [gnom. aor.]I-gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and [gnom. aor.]I-be-found [é v w/dat.]in-union-with-Him, not having righteousness<sup>^</sup>, [namely] the-one<sup>^</sup> [é v w/dat.]by-means-of <sup>0</sup>Law; but-on-the-contrary, the-one through <sup>0</sup>Christ's Faith, the righteousness from<sup>[source]</sup> <sup>0</sup>God on-the-basis-of The Faith, <sup>10</sup>[purp. inf. w/τοθ]in-order-to know<sup>[from exp.]</sup>; Him and the miraculous-power of-the resurrection-of-His and The Fellowship <sup>[obj. gen.]</sup>with-The Sufferings of-His, being-conformed to-The Death-of-His, <sup>11</sup>if [1st class cond] (and-assume-it-is-true by-any-means [aor. subjv.]I-attain unto the [Lk. 20:35, Acts 4:21:35]better-resurrection-out of-the dead-ones. <sup>12</sup>...I-persistently-pursue if (and-it-is-true)I-appropriate also on-the-basis-of which I-was-appropriated by<sup>[agcy.]</sup> The Christ, Jesus” (Phil. 3:7-11, 12b APT).

From this passage of Scripture we learn of five wonderful benefits for committing persistent trust to The Lord Jesus Christ and for deeming all things of the past a loss for the sake of appropriating them (v. 12b). These are: (1) Acquire The Continuous Surpassing Knowledge of Christ Jesus; (2) Gain Christ; (3) Be Joined in Union with The Godhead through The Christ's Faith and have His Righteousness imparted (5) Attain unto The Better Resurrection. However all these five wonderul benefits cannot be procured apart from committing persistent trust to The Lord Jesus Christ and in His Faith.

(1) Acquire The Surpassingness of Knowledge of Christ Jesus (v. 8).

The word 'surpassingness' is the translation of **ὑπερέχον** (hyperéxon), a present articular substantive participial construction of **ὑπερέχω** (hyperéxō) meaning “to-have-more-than, having-beyond, or to excel above” intensively. In English it is elative (an absolute superlative) noun meaning “eminently (or exceedingly) excellent beyond others.”

The word translated 'knowledge-from-experience' is the translation of the Greek noun **γνώσις** (gnōsis), a descriptive genitive of the verb **γινώσκω** (ginōskō) meaning 'to know from experience,' which calls

for recognition and full understanding, then applying it properly in personal usage so that you know it from experience and can explain it fully so others can understand it. Many translators have mistakenly translated *οἶδα* (oída) as 'to know.' It is the second perfect of *εἶδω* (eh-éedō), with the sense of the present tense. It really means 'to see or behold,' 'to be aware of or 'perceive.' It literally means 'perception by sight' (Bauer, p. 220<sup>1</sup>). There is quite a difference between these two Greek verbs which needs to be indicated in proper translation, then in proper understanding before applying Scripture to oneself or in teaching others. This must be accomplished first before one can proceed through the next four steps.

(2) Gain Christ (v. 8 c-e APT).

Paul made it very clear to The Philippians that in order for Him to obtain the exceeding excellent knowledge of Christ Jesus he had to make an exchange of deeming loss all things gained in his previous life to be loss by forsaking them once and for all or by forfeiting all things whatever he considered gains in his former life i.e. before committing persistent trust to The Lord Jesus Christ. He kept persistently deeming dung and totally lost in order to gain Christ.

All three synoptic writers, Matthew (16:25,26), Mark (8:34-37), and Luke (9:23-25) record The teaching by The Lord Jesus Christ that a human has a choice either to lose or suffer loss or deny his or her former life and gain Him, thus exchange masters and obtain Eternal Absolute Life. Not one who is unwilling and reluctant to make this exchange can escape Eternal Judgment at The Great White Throne and be cast into The Eternal Lake of Fire (Rev. 20:11-15).

(3) Be Joined in Union with The Godhead through The Christ's Faith and have His Righteousness imparted (v. 9).

When one has committed persistent Trust to The Lord Jesus Christ, repented of one's sins, made this exchange of one's soul for The Lord Jesus Christ and Eternal Absolute Life, he or she is immediately joined in union with The Godhead, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and has obtained The God's Righteousness imparted within. However, unless these steps are taken, there is no hope of having obtained Salvation, Redemption, Regeneration, and Eternal Life even though one claims he or she believes and asks for forgiveness in prayer. All this has been already accomplished by The Lord Jesus Christ and is freely available to all who will meet all the conditions that He has declared before ascending to the right of His Father in Heaven. This is why it is so important to engage in the process of discipleship to enable the regenerated disciple to clearly explain all the necessary conditions for The Perfect Peace including all the blessings accompanying His Peace.

(4) Know from experience Christ's Miraculous-power of His Resurrection, The Fellowship with The Sufferings of Christ, and be progressively conformed to His Death (v. 10).

**This Knowledge can not ever be attained without carefully and persistently studying New Testament Scripture.** This necessity to appropriate and gain the Continuous Surpassing Knowledge of Christ Jesus was noted by Paul in his Epistle to the Colossians. Without It, it is impossible to fulfill His conditions for Peace. It has already been provided and is freely available to all who are serious about acquiring His peace ambitiously as The Lord Jesus Christ was in providing it. Since all has been provided abundantly, it is clear in Scripture that He expects seriously-desirous humans to appropriate it!

Are you willing and prepared to to extend yourself all the way to appropriate it?

(5) Attain to The Better Resurrection (v. 11).

Finally, those humans who are willing and prepared to extend oneself to appropriate this Continuous Surpassing Knowledge of Christ Jesus shall attain unto the better-resurrection-out-of-the-dead-ones, Which is the prize, the award for victory in the warfare into which we entered that continually prevails between Satan against The God and His disciple-saints. What a glorious prize! It involves sharing with The Lord Jesus Christ ruling on His throne in His Millennial Reign on the Earth and for all Eternity in The New Heavens and The New Earth. Do you not consider the challenge worth all the effort to meet all His conditions to attain It?

We shall suspend our study here and resume next time with the ninth reason why The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace came to Earth, To Reveal The God's Plan for Obtaining Eternal Absolute Life.

**Conclusion: Today in our study of The Prince of Peace,** we reviewed what we have studied thus far of the five more occasions at which Scripture indicates in John's Gospel that The Lord Jesus Christ demonstrated His Authority and Miraculous Power. Then we reviewed the ninth reason why The Prince of Peace, The Lord Jesus Christ came to Earth. He Came to Reveal The Lord Jesus Christ's Personal Faith. In this, John clarified the **progressive revelation of The God** concerning God The Son, who is The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace and why He came to Earth. We noted four factors that define the ninth reason for His coming to Earth:

1. He came to Exposit The Father; 2. He came to Exhibit The Way, The Truth, and The Absolute Life; 3. He came to Explain The Way to The Father, to Truth, and to Eternal Absolute Life along with Accompanying Factors; and 4. He Came to Exemplify Faith, which is **Persistent Committed Trust to and in Him.**

We learned that **Persistent Committed Trust** involves two additional acts on the part of the sinner.

- a. Persistent-committed-trust involves appropriating all the blessings and factors of doctrine relative to Redemption and Eternal Absolute Life (Eph. 3:3-20). It involves getting to know Him and learning of The Truth of His Faith, which enabled Him to accomplish so much for The Redemption of humans. Then in sincerity we must repent of our sins and begin committing persistent trust (Faith) for Salvation. But without repentance **and** faith there is no forgiveness. For it is by His Faith, and not by our faith, that we are justified. It is our faith in Him **and in His Faith** that all humans have the possibility to utilize His Faith in order to be justified, that is to be declared: righteous, freed of all blame, all guilt, and the penalty for sins and thus receive the Forgiveness of all sins. Therefore, by our persistent trust in His Faith we are Redeemed and Released from Bondage to Satan and Sin, reconciled to The God, our sins imputed to The Crucified Christ and His righteousness imputed to us, and be Sanctified, set apart for The God from ungodly sinners and from the world, experientially separated unto The God and being conformed more and more like Christ in holiness through The Word, and ultimately and permanently perfected in holiness to be like Christ perfectly.
- b. Committing persistent trust in The Lord Jesus Christ along with the forfeiture of all accomplishments and all the things considered gains while in the flesh before regeneration is absolutely necessary to acquire the learning experience of the continuous surpassingness of

the knowledge of The Christ, gain The Christ, and be found in union with Him, having His Righteousness imparted, and later in the future, when He comes back for His Church, we shall participate in the better Resurrection which is available only to His regenerated disciples. It is wellworth the forfeiture of all accomplishments acheived by and in the flesh to attain these five wonderful benefits, which are far more superior than any human could ever accomplish of oneself, let alone the final judgment in The Lake of Fire that awaits all who do not make such an exchange to be with and in union with The Lord Jesus Christ now and Forever.

Have you come to the place yet where you have committed per-sistant trust in The Lord Jesus Christ, made the exchange deeming all things loss and forfeited your selfish fleshly accomplishments to gain Christ, attained all the wonderful surpassingly far-superior benefits of New Life in The Lord Jesus Christ and then been personally discipled to maturity in Christ? If not, why not begin now? Would not it be better for you to do so than to perish in The Eternal Lake of Fire?

**Application:** How will you decide now to spend the rest of your life? With The Lord Jesus Christ as Your Savior, Master, Prince of Peace and Lord or with Satan, the Devil as your master, prince of this world and Sin in control? If you have not already done so choose **NOW!**  
Your choice is brief but endless! **DFW**

For next week: **THE PRINCE OF PEACE: III. What He Came To Do:**  
part 28: J. He Came to Reveal The God's Plan for Obtaining Eternal Absolute Life (Please read and meditate upon: Jn. 1:12,13; 17:1-4).



Now we proceed to the next reason for The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace to come to Earth.

J. He Came to Reveal The God's Plan for Obtaining Eternal Absolute Life ( Jn. 1:12,13; 17:1-3).

“<sup>12</sup>But as-many-as receive<sup>[culm. aor]</sup> Him, to-them He-gave <sup>0</sup>right-of-choice<sup>[authority]</sup> to-emerge <sup>[pred. acc]</sup>as-children<sup>[relationship emphasis]</sup> of-God, <sup>[namely]</sup> the-ones-persistently-committing-trust unto the name of-His, <sup>13</sup>the-ones who were-being-begotten, not by-means-of<sup>[Bauer.p. 235f]</sup> bloods, neither by-means-of fleshly determined-will, nor by-means-of a-man's determined-will, but-on-the-contrary<sup>[being begotten]</sup> by <sup>0</sup>God” (Jn. 1:12,13 APT).

“<sup>1</sup>Jesus spoke these-things and He-lifted-up the eyes of His unto The Heaven and He-said, O-Father, the hour has-come; glorify<sup>[exaltw/maj. radiant spldr.]</sup> The Son of-Yours! in-order-that The Son of-Yours also glorify<sup>[exalt w/maj. radiant splndr.]</sup> You <sup>2</sup>according-as You-gave to Him authority <sup>[obj. gen.]</sup>over-all flesh. That every~ thing which <sup>[cons.perf.perm.res.]</sup>You-permanently-gave to-Him, He-give to-them, Eternal-Absolute-Life! <sup>3</sup>Now this is The Eternal-Absolute-Life, that they-know<sup>[from exp.]</sup> You<sup>§</sup>, The Only Genuine God and Jesus Christ, Whom You-sent<sup>[w/comm.]</sup>” (Jn. 17:1-3 APT).

From these two passages of Scripture we can glean that The Lord Jesus Christ revealed the authority that was given to Him by His Father to give Eternal Absolute Life to humans who meet His qualifications and requirements to receive Eternal Absolute Life, Salvation, and Perfect Peace in union with Him, His Father, and The Holy Spirit. There are three Factors stated by The Lord Jesus Christ, which must be considered in this matter. They are: 1. The Meaning of the Greek noun and the Greek verb; 2. The Means of Obtaining this Authority or Right to Choose; and 3. The Magnitude of His Authority.

1. The Meaning of the Greek Verb Usually Translated ‘receive’ and the Greek Noun Usually Translated ‘power.’

a. The Meaning of the Greek Verb Usually Translated ‘receive’ (1:12).

The Greek verb John used in this verse is gnomic aorist of **λαμβάνω** (lambánō) which means ‘to receive (in/sense of recognizing one’s authority),’ ‘obtain,’ ‘take--out or -in-hand,’ ‘hold,’ ‘grab,’ or ‘seize.’ In this context the concept in the prior verse (1:11) ‘accept with the mind’ (literally: take alongside) is used. The gnomic use of the aorist tense indicates that the event, fact, or truth as so certain to occur that it is regarded as presently taking place. Thus when a person perceives The Lord Jesus Christ to be The Son of God, The Crucified buried, Resurrected, and Glorified Savior and Great High Priest who atoned for one’s own sins, Salvation and Eternal Life, he or she has receives or accepts the person of The Christ with his or her mind and is ready for the next step which is reflected in the following phrase and its explanation.

The Greek noun, used in verse 2 is an accusative of direct object of the verb, **ἐξουσίαν** (eksousian), most often translated with one word, but has several meanings according to context. Bauer (p. 276) has noted at least five meanings, the first of which is “‘freedom of choice, right to act, decide, or dispose of one’s property as one wishes.’” A Precise Translation has used ‘right of choice’ in this passage, since

that is the best selection for this context. Other options are: 'authority,' 'power,' 'exercise of power,' 'ability,' and 'domain.' The Lord Jesus Christ has been given all authority in Heaven and on Earth (Mt. 28:18; Eph. 1:20,21).

Here the context indicates that every human person, who receives with one's mind The Lord Jesus Christ as stated above, the right of choice as to who shall be the Master or Authority and Ruler of one's own life for the remainder of time and thereafter Eternity. Scripture teaches that all humans are bondslaves to Sin and Satan until we learn who The Lord Jesus Christ is and His Position as The Great High Priest. Every one who receives or accepts with his or her mind all that The Lord Jesus Christ is and what He has accomplished for us then He grants to us the ability or right to choose and decide to make a change of one's own master by means of The Lord Jesus Christ and to be delivered from bondage to Sin and Satan, and choose to receive Salvation and Eternal Life. To do so is to turn one's life over completely to Him as our new Master and begin to persistently commit trust to and not just believe in The Lord Jesus Christ. And never turn back! Turning back is not just backsliding (a term found only in The Old Testament and not in The New Testament), but indicates that the previous choice was irresolute and out of preference, but not with persistent commitment in faith. Such choice, especially in childhood, requires reaffirmation after puberty when the choice is resolved, persevering, steadfast, and unregretted.

Until such choice is made life continues in enslavement to Sin and Satan whether one recognizes it or not (Rom. 6:6-23). Therefore if one is irresolute about making such decision as to turn one's life completely over to The Lord Jesus Christ as a bondsman to one's new Master and leave the old life behind, such a one remains a bondsman to Sin and Satan without any way of escape from Hell at death eternal burning with Satan in The Lake of Fire forever. However the outcome of such commitment and decision is to emerge as begotten (be regenerated) by God The Father as children of God for the remainder of time and forever in Eternity with The Lord Jesus Christ as our Prince of Peace, Savior, Lord, and Master.

We shall suspend our study here and resume consideration of the other two Negative Means of Obtaining this Authority or Right to Choose and the third factor to consider in the matter of persistently committing trust in The the Lord Jesus Christ to obtain Eternal Absolute Life and all the accompanying doctrinal benefits, The Magnitude of His Authority.

**Conclusion:** Today in our study of The Prince of Peace, we reviewed what we have studied thus far of the noting that there are five more occasions at which Scripture indicates in John's Gospel that The Lord Jesus Christ demonstrated His Authority and Miraculous Power. Then we reviewed the first eight unequalled achievements and reasons why The Prince of Peace, The Lord Jesus Christ came to Earth. He Brought The Word of The God into Being. Thus John clarified the **progressive revelation of The God** concerning God The Son, who is The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace and why He came to Earth. Then we began considering the ninth reason for His Coming to Earth. We noted four factors that define the ninth reason for His coming to Earth: 1. To Exposit The Father; 2. To Exhibit The Way, The Truth, and The Absolute Life; 3. To Explain The Way to The Father; and 4. To Exemplify Faith.

2. The Means of Obtaining and Receiving this Authority or Right of Choice (Jn. 1:12,13).

The Lord Jesus indicated three negative means and the positive means of being begotten by God as His children.

a. The Three Negative Means of Being Begotten by The God (v. 13).

Firstly, it is **not** by means of bloods. One is not regenerated or begotten by The God because or by means of one or the other or both of the parents or grand parents having committing persistent trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Each individual must commit persistent trust or exercise persistent faith in The Lord Jesus Christ and The God for oneself.

Secondly, John recorded that neither is it by means of fleshly determined-will, that is not because one has the determined will of his or her own fleshly desire or determination that that one is begotten of The God.

Thirdly, neither is it by means of a man's determined will be he or she a regenerated loved one or a regenerated close friend or even a regenerated pastor. It is absolutely not possible for any one other than the one committing personal, persistent trust by one's self to choose or to attempt to be begotten by God.

b. The Positive Means of Being Begotten by God as His Children.

(1) Receive The Christ Person (v. 12a).

The first step toward Regeneration or being begotten by God is to become acquainted with The Lord Jesus Christ and recognize His Person, Who He Is and what He has done for you in dying by Crucifixion on Calvary for you a lost sheep as the sacrificial Lamb of The God, in rising again from the Dead on the third day thereafter to become your Great High Priest, ascending to Heaven to apply His blood on The Mercyseat, and returning to prove Himself alive again. Then express your appreciation by repenting of your Sin and confessing to him in prayer your guilt of Sin and of being a guilty sinner. Repent of your Sin and thank Him for dying in your stead to save you from the penalty and dominion of sin and Satan.

(2) Receive The Authority or Right to Choose (v. 12b).

By receiving and becoming initially acquainted with The Lord Jesus Christ that one receives the authority to become a Child of God and have been given the authority or right to choose to become a child of The God or not. If that one refuses not to become The God's child, he or she continues as a bondsman to Satan and Sin and continues on the way that leads to Hell until the end of time and then the Eternal Lake of Fire. If that one chooses to become a child of the God the next steps follow.

(3) Exercise the Right to Choose, authority to Become a Child of The God by committing personal, persistent trust unto His Name (v. 12), but not just believe. Personally committing-persistent-trust unto His Name is a more inclusive term than simply 'believe.' To believe is to 'have a firm persuasion of a fact.' But committing personal, persistent trust unto His Name is more than that, but calls for complete and total reliance upon The Lord Jesus Christ for all that The God offers and provides for and through Him. It is the end of the old life and requires one to reckon the old human

with all its sins to die off to Sin and Satan, reckon to be crucified with Christ and begin living The New Life which includes a new way of life and demands complete obedience to all His commands and expects intimate following of The Christ, with interest and growth in learning His ways through discipleship. So that the new babe in Christ begins learning under an older disciple all that discipleship and This New Life involves. As maturity in discipleship in this New Life progresses so does the authority He shares with his disciplined-children increases.

3. The Magnitude of His Authority (Jn. 17:2,3).

- a. Authority over all flesh (v. 2a).  
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- b. Authority to permanently give to them Eternal Absolute Life (v. 2b).
- c. Authority to know from experience The Only Genuine God and Jesus Christ Whom He Sent (v. 3).

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Therefore it behooves each one to examine oneself seriously and meticulously as to how persistent and complete is our faith in The Lord Jesus Christ.

**Application:** When we stand in Judgment before The Lord Jesus Christ, how will you answer in regard to persistent faith and being disciplined and discipling others in accord to His command (Mt. 28:18-20 APT). DFW

For next week: **THE PRINCE OF PEACE: III. What He Came To Do:**  
part 27. 1.4 Concluded: He Came to Reveal The Lord Jesus Christ’s Personal Faith. (Please read and meditate upon: Jn. 14:11; Gal. 2:16,20; 3:22; Eph. 2:10; 3:10; Col. 1:13-20).

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Tenthly,

- J. He Came to Reveal The God’s Plan of Salvation ( Jn. 1:12; 17:1,2).
- K. He Came to Save the World (Jn. 12:47); and
- L. He Came to Testify to The Truth (Jn. 18:37).

