

## 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-begotten, 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[magistrates] 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. ev</sup>]in-judgment and [<sup>loc. ev</sup>]in-righteousness from the now even /forever. The zeal of-The **LORD** of-Hosts shall-do this” (Isa.9:6,7LXXAPT).

### Part 17

#### 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 fifteen lessons we completed the first fact, **What is Peace** and have completed four aspects of the second fact concerning this. For several weeks we have been considering the first five of the seven aspects depicting **The Lord Jesus Christ as: A. The Person of Peace; B. The Possessor of Peace; C. The Personification of Peace; D. The Producer of Peace; and E. The Procurer of Peace**.

So far we considered the four aspects regarding The Lord Jesus Christ as **Procurer of Perfect Peace**: 1. **He had been In Possession of Perfect Peace with The Father and The Holy Spirit since Eternity past**. 2. **He Obtained Peace by Means of Purchase**. 3. **As a Result of His Purchase, He Achieved Peace for All Humans and All Things in Heaven and upon Earth**. 4. **He Manages, Cares for or Looks after The Peace that He Achieved in seven ways**: a. He sends Proclaimers of The Gospel of Peace to all the world; b. He Protects in Peace disciple-saints who meet His Conditions for Peace; c. His Peace Regulates (Judges) in Disagreements between disciples to Insure Peace; d. He Sanctifies to the fullest extent those disciples who Fully Appropriate His Peace; e. He Shods the Feet of Those who go; f. He Imparts Peace to His Disciples in All Circumstances; and g. He Equips His disciples to Perform His will.

Then we considered that there are yet two more aspects and accomplishments which describe The Procurer of Peace: He Proclaimed Peace and He Perpetuated Peace.

#### F. The Proclaimer of Peace Proclaimed Peace.

The noun ‘proclamation’ as applied to The Lord Jesus Christ is derived from the verb ‘proclaim’ which is defined as “**2**: . . . publicly **announced** (emphasis mine) or officially declared; . . .” (Webster’s New International Dictionary, 1925) and “**2**: to declare or to declare to be solemnly, officially, or formally . . .” (Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary, 1981).

A frequently used synonym of ‘proclaim’ is ‘announce’ or ‘pronounce.’ These synonyms are used interchangeably in current usage. The Lord Jesus Christ declared Peace solemnly, officially, and formally to a select

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core group, His eleven disciples. These are representative of that which eventually (within fifty-three days) would develop into a huge number and His proclamation would progressively apply to an innumerable company, The Church of The God. So that every Redeemed, Regenerated individual has the responsibility of proclaiming This Perfect Peace to all humans in his or her generation and the following generations in the Redeemed, Regenerated disciple-saint's remaining life-time on Earth.

The authoritative statement, that **The Prince of Peace** made to His disciples in anticipation of His Crucifixion followed by His Resurrection-Ascension (Jn. 14:27), indicated that the resulting Peace, including His own Peace would be their's. This Peace included reconciliation, regeneration, and redemption, which includes forgiveness of sins, . This is a far greater result than mere amnesty. A distinction was made between 'Pardon' and 'Redemption.' 'Pardon' is an Old Testament Word and is limited to only one component or facet of redemption. 'Pardon' does not insure peace and freedom from the guilt of the past by clearing the conscience. But 'pardon' only relates to the release of legal penalties of offenses, leaving the conscience to persistently recall the sins of the past. 'Pardon' falls far short of The New Testament meaning of what The Lord Jesus Christ accomplished for us, although it is often used by hymn writers because it conveniently contains only two syllables rather than the three which 'Redemption' takes.

Webster's definition 2 certainly applies to this statement, in the context in which The Lord Jesus Christ as The Prince is speaking as a Member of The Godhead, The Highest Government of all the universes and Heaven Itself, declared solemnly, officially, and formally to a select core group, His eleven disciples, which are representative of that eventually developed into the huge innumerable company throughout the years to today, The Church of The God.

Although, the statement that The Heavenly Host multitude proclaimed when The Lord Jesus Christ was born was, "Glory to God in Most High Places! And upon Earth Peace! Delight among-humans" (Lk. 2:14 APT). This often has been taken to mean that He brought peace to Earth, He distinctly taught His disciples to the contrary that why He came was for a completely different reason. The Statement is true! Peace in The Person of The Christ came to The Earth to bring Peace. But because His own people, the nation of Israel rejected Him and His proffered Peace, He could not bring Peace to Israel, through whom The God intended to offer His Perfect Peace to every human in the whole world. Satan succeeded in deluding the nation through its leaders to fulfill His ultimate purpose to provide Perfect Peace for every human on Earth who would fully comply with His conditions for His Peace. So Jesus clarified the minds of His disciples as to the full Truth of the reason for His coming (Mt. 10:34,35).

<sup>34</sup>Never presume that I-came to-put peace upon the Earth! I-came not to-put peace, but<sup>[on-the-contrary]</sup> a short sword. <sup>35</sup>For I-came to set-at-variance<sup>[to divide; cut-in-two]</sup> a human <sup>[generic]</sup> against his 'father and <sup>0</sup>daughter against her /mother and <sup>0</sup>bride against her /mother-in-law" (Mt. 10:34,35 APT).

However during His three-year Earthly ministry He demonstrated His supernatural ability to cause peace by simply speaking for peace to occur in both animate and inanimate situations. In Sept. A.D. 31, He spoke peace in Kahpehrnah-oúm to a weeping sinful woman (Lk. 7:37-50 APT). Then a month later in Oct. A.D. 31, He demonstrated His authority and ability to bring peace by simply speaking to the storm-driven waves of the sea and the wind (Mk. 4:35-39 APT). It was not until just before

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His Crucifixion that He proclaimed that He is departing from them but leaving behind (bequeathing) His own Perfect Peace to them (Jn. 14:27,28).]

We then noted the four things concerning Perfect Peace which is Proclaimed by **The Prince of Peace**: What is proclaimed? Why is it proclaimed? Who proclaimed it? Wherein is The Peace found? The answer to this fourth and last question raised is, The One Who is The Personification of Peace! The Lord Jesus Christ Himself personifies Peace. He **is** our peace. When He is in full control of all one's being by means of His Holy Spirit, our Paraklete, **all is peace** and overcoming victory. Without Him there can be no real, lasting peace and only repeated defeat!

Now we resume our study of the seven aspects of and accomplishments which describe The Lord Jesus Christ as **The Prince of Peace**. Having considered the first six as: A. The Person of Peace; B. The Possessor of Peace; C. The Personification of Peace; D. The Producer of Peace; E. The Procurer of Peace; and F. The Proclaimer of Peace, now we shall consider Him as G. **The Perpetuator of Peace**.

Webster's New International Dictionary, 1924 edition, defines the verb 'perpetuate' as "to make perpetual, to cause to endure, or to be continued indefinitely; to preserve from extinction or oblivion; to eternize." The One Who perpetuates Perfect Peace is called The Perpetuator. This in reality can refer only to The God and to His Son, The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace.

1. As The Perpetuator of Peace He made Six Promises to His Disciples (Jn. 14:1-6, 16-18, 26-28; 16:32-33).

"<sup>1</sup>Stop-letting- the heart<sup>s</sup> of-yours& -being-persistently-disturbed! &You-are-persistently-committing-trust unto The God, persistently-commit-trust unto Me also! <sup>2</sup>[loc. &v]In the dwelling belonging-to-The Father of-Mine there are many abodes[<sup>of-rest-at-the-end-of-a-highway</sup>], but if (and-it-is-not-true) [it-were] not [so], I-would-have-told you&. I-am-journeying in-order-to-prepare a-place for-you&. <sup>3</sup>And if (and-it-may-be) I-journey /and/[<sup>Ms. div./</sup>] I-prepare a-place for-you&, I-am-coming again. And for-Myself-I-shall-take-alongside you& to[<sup>the-face-of</sup>] Myself in-order-that yourselves[<sup>emph. prn.</sup>] also, &you-be where **I-Myself-am**-continually-being. <sup>4</sup>And &you-perceive[<sup>are-aware-of</sup>] where Myself I-am-slipping-away[<sup>lead-under</sup>] and &you-perceive[<sup>are-aware-of</sup>] the way. <sup>5</sup>**Thōmahs** says to-Him, O-Lord, we-do-not-perceive[<sup>are-aware-of</sup>] where <sup>S</sup>You-are-slipping-away[<sup>lead under</sup>] and how-are-we-able-to-perceive[<sup>be-aware-of</sup>] the way? <sup>6</sup>Jesus says to-him, **I-am** Myself-continuously-being The Way and The Truth and The Absolute-Life. Not-one is-coming to[<sup>the-face-of</sup>] The Father except through Me" (Jn. 14:1-6 APT).

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, 1973 edition defines the noun 'promise' which pertains to our subject at hand as, "1 . . . b: a legally binding declaration that gives the person to whom it was made a right to expect or to claim the performance or forbearance of a specified act." The second meaning for the verb 'promise' is 'to covenant' (Webster's New International Dictionary, 1924). Therefore an appropriate Scriptural meaning is that the promise that Jesus made to His disciples was included in His New Covenant with disciple-saints belonging to His Church who have accepted all His conditions to appropriate His Perfect Peace. Thus the present day disciples of The Lord Jesus Christ, Who is The Truth as well as The Prince of Peace, can expect His promises to them to be fulfilled for us exactly as He spoke to these eleven disciples and later to one disciple, Paul, who was 'born out of due time' (AV) or rather 'in the untimely birth' (1 Cor. 15:8 APT).

**But mark it well!** Although many religious people claim to be included in this promise, it applies only to His disciples, these twelve

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and all those who have been disciplined by them or by those who were disciplined by those disciplined by a disciple of His. Have you become a disciple of His through regeneration and followed by personally training by means of an intimate process, which is the meaning of the Greek noun *μαθητής* (mathaytáys) translated 'disciple'? Many religious people, deluded by Satan, claim and believe themselves to be the recipients of this promise, but who have not persisted in following The Lord Jesus Christ and intimately trained in Scripture and then put The Truth learned in this way into practice daily in their lives. Thus they fall into the category of those virgins who lacked oil in their lamps and came knocking at the locked-shut door (Mt. 25:1-11). Or they shall fall into the category of those many people who shall stand off away from the locked-off door of Heaven and persistently knock and plead for the Lord to open to them. But He shall say to them, "I-am-not-aware-of-you, from what place you are." Then according to this Scripture you shall reply to Him like they replied. And in return he shall reply to you as He replied to them (Lk. 13:24-27 APT).

“<sup>26</sup>At-that-time &you-shall-begin to-say, We-ate and we-drank in- Your -presence and <sup>S</sup>You-taught <sup>[loc. év]</sup>in-the-broad-streets of-ours. <sup>27</sup>And He-shall-say, I-am-saying to-you&, I-am- not -aware of-you&, from-what-place &you-are. Get-off-away from-Me, all you&[art. a pm.] workers of-the unrighteous deeds!” (Lk. 13:26-27 APT).

It is vitally important to understand, in order to rightfully expect to participate in The Promises which The Lord Jesus Christ made to His disciples recorded in Scripture, that you are a true disciple living the life of a disciple-saint in persistent peace and not just professing faith in The Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not been personally disciplined for quite awhile through weekly meetings of at least 30+ minutes each week with a previously disciplined saint of The Lord Jesus Christ and learning all that is involved in keeping all that He has commanded, I earnestly urge you to seek out such a disciple to meet with at least weekly or you may request discipleship from the Happy Heralds website @happyheralds.org or .com, who shall be happy to disciple you by mail as they do others.

There were six promises that The Lord Jesus Christ made to His disciples concerning peace: a. To prepare a place for His disciples; b. To come again for His disciples; c. To take His disciples for Himself to be with Himself continually forever; d. To bequeath peace to His disciples after He died; e. To give persistently to His disciples His own personal peace; and f. Amid continual tribulation [<sup>pressure</sup>] you continually have overcoming Peace.

- a. The first promise The Prince of Peace made to His disciples in the upper room was to prepare a place for His disciples (Jn. 14:1,2);

“<sup>1</sup>Stop-letting- the heart<sup>s</sup> of-yours& -being-persistently-disturbed! &You-are-persistently-committing-trust unto The God, persistently-commit-trust unto Me also! <sup>2</sup>[loc. év]In the dwelling belonging-to-The Father of-Mine there are many abodes<sup>[of-rest-at-the-end-of-a-highway]</sup>, but if (and-it-is-not-true) |it-were| not |so|, I-would-have-told you&. I-am-journeying in-order-to-prepare a-place for-you&” (Jn. 14:1,2 APT).

The Lord Jesus Christ not only informed His disciples that He was going to depart from them, but also told them the reason for journeying away. He was going in order to prepare (make ready) for them an abode at the end of a long, weary, and arduous journey through life where they can rest from the weary and arduous way.

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There were four reasons for this promise of peace.

- (1) This first reason was discussed in detail in the last lesson. They were disturbed, troubled, and frightful because He announced His imminent departure. He knew He would die within twelve hours, but He promised not to abandon them as orphans (Jn 14:16-18 APT). With all this, they needed to hear His Promise of His Own Perfect Peace.
  - (2) He knew of the long weary road ahead in their lives. They needed to know that there would be a roomy, blissful, resting place at the end of that road in which they would abide with Him continuously. The Greek word that Jesus used is *μονή* (moná) which means “a stay-in-a-place.” This word was used of a large abode at the end of the highways which were built by Rome throughout the Empire for weary travelers to rest. His promise was apropos.
  - (3) He had already told them of the tribulation, persecution, and affliction that they would face because of The Word especially as they presented The Truth to unbelievers and atheists (Mt. 13:21; Mk. 4:17).
  - (4) His disciples would need encouragement and an assured hope to sustain them through the days and trials ahead until He returns.
- b. The second promise The Prince of Peace made to His disciples was that He shall come again for His disciples (Jn. 14:3a,b; 28:a,b);
- “<sup>3</sup>And if (and-it-may-be) I-journey /and [Mss. div./] I-prepare a-place for-you&, I-am-coming again. And [fut. mid.]for-Myself-I-shall-take-alongside you& to [the-face-of] Myself in-order-that yourselves [emph. prm.] also, &you-be where **I-Myself-am-continually-being**. . . . <sup>18</sup>I shall not abandon you& as orphans. I am coming to [the face of] you&. <sup>28</sup>You& heard that I Myself said to you&, I am slipping [lit.: lead-under] away and I am coming to [the face of] you&” (Jn. 14:3a,b,18,28:a,b APT).
- Three times over (vs. 3,18,28) The Lord Jesus insistently promised, I am coming again. Twice he stated, ‘to the face of you.’ This was to assure them of His promise. He used the same word which most often has been translated ‘forgive’ to indicate that He shall not abandon them as orphans but surely would care for them and come again to them. What a glorious hope for those who truly **are** His disciples, being an example by living the life as well as by confession by using their lips.
- c. The third promise The Prince of Peace made to His disciples was that he would take His disciples for Himself to be with Himself continuously forever (Jn. 14:3c,d);
- “And for-Myself-I-shall-take-you&-alongside to [the face of] Myself in order that you& yourselves also be where **I Myself am** continuously being” (Jn. 14:3c APT).
- He is not coming again to be with His disciples, but rather to take them to be with Him continuously. There will not be another separation ever. This promise is later described by Paul as ‘being taken up (snatched away, APT) in the clouds to meet Him in the air’ (1 Thes. 4:16,17). This is known as the rapture of The Church.
- d. The fourth promise The Prince of Peace made to His disciples was to bequeath peace to His disciples after He died (Jn. 14:27a);
- “<sup>27</sup>Peace I-bequeath [leave-behind-at-one’s-death] to-you&” (Jn. 14:27a APT).
- To ‘bequeath’ is ‘to give, leave, or transfer personality or property by will after death.’ In this case, peace falls into the realm of personality rather than property. The peace that The Prince of Peace, experienced throughout His life in His human body, He bequeathed to

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His disciples. If you are truly His disciple, studying, learning, and living out Scripture learned by discipleship, He bequeathed His peace to you.

- e. The fifth promise The Prince of Peace made to His disciples was to give persistently His own personal Peace to His disciples (Jn. 14:27b,c).  
“The peace belonging-to-Me I-am-continually giving to you<sup>&</sup>. I Myself perpetually-give to you<sup>&</sup> not according as the world gives” (Jn 14:27b,c).

The Peace that He offered to His disciples is the very same Perfect Peace that He Himself experienced all through His entire existence, except for those three human hours on the cross in darkness. It is that Peace which belonged to Him that He would perpetually give to them after His Death. As Son of God, He perpetually had The Peace of The God. Although as Son of The (Hu)Man that Peace, which He experienced for thirty-three years on Earth, He purposely bequeathed to His disciples on Earth. What more could one ask for?

Are you a true disciple of His experiencing The Peace belonging to Him, which Peace is bestowed upon each regenerated disciple who faithfully follows and persistently lives out the new life as it is faithfully taught from disciple to disciple? If not, why not? Is there something on to which you are holding and not letting go rather than to enjoy His Perfect Peace?

- f. The sixth promise The Prince of Peace made to His disciples was that amid repeated tribulation <sup>[pressure]</sup> you have overcoming Peace perpetually (Jn. 16:33).

“<sup>33</sup>These-things I-have-spoken to-you<sup>&</sup> in-order-that <sup>ἐν</sup> <sup>w/dat.]</sup>in-union-with-Me <sup>[&.subj.]</sup>you-perpetually-have peace. <sup>[loc. ἐν]</sup>In-the-world <sup>&</sup>you-are-repeatedly-having tribulation<sup>[pressure]</sup>. But-on-the-contrary <sup>[cnst. aor. imp.]</sup>be-constantly-courageous! Myself, <sup>[cnst. aor. imp.]</sup>I-permanently-overcame <sup>[conquered]</sup> the world” (Jn 16:33 APT).”

The Greek noun translated ‘tribulation’ is *θλίψις* (thlêpsees) literally means ‘pressure’ but has been translated ‘tribulation, affliction,’ figuratively ‘oppression’ and rarely ‘trouble,’ ‘anguish,’ and ‘burden.’ Being a member of the Omniscient Godhead, knowing all things unto the end from the beginning, The Lord Jesus understood what was ahead for all His disciples, so He warned them and also provided for their future release and relieving Peace to carry them (us) through every occasion of pressure in what ever facet it arrives. He promised His overcoming power to enable us disciple-saints to prevail with conquering Peace which protects our hearts and thoughts or concepts and surpasses all understanding (Phil. 4:7 APT).

2. As The Perpetuator of Peace He Left Behind Proclaimers to Carry and Proclaim His Perfect Peace To The Ends of The Earth (Rom. 10:15,16).

In three lessons ago (Part 13) this was covered under **The Procurer of Peace**: 4. He Manages, Cares for or Looks after The Peace He Achieved. It was necessary for Him to provide a way to continually manage The Peace He Procured by sending out Redeemed, Regenerated disciple-saints on Earth to manage This Peace for Him in His absence. Now we must reemphasize that He provided perpetuation of His Peace. This could only be accomplished by having His disciples proclaiming His Gospel of Peace to other humans and making disciples and proclaimers of those who respond who in return follow the same procedure. However down through the centuries of years Satan has succeeded to interrupt or at least curtail the process. No wonder The Lord Jesus Christ told His disciples at the close of the parable of The Widow and The Judge of Unrighteousness (Lk. 18:1-8),

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“Nevertheless when-coming The Son of-The Human<sup>[Man]</sup> really<sup>[in questions</sup> <sup>‘ἀπα’</sup> expects a negative answer, Thayer p. 71; ATR, pp. 916, 1176; Blass, Debrunner & Funk, p. 226] shall-not-find The Faith<sup>[committed trust]</sup> upon the Earth, shall He?” (Lk. 18:18 APT).

Now as The Proclaimer, The Lord Jesus Christ passed on to His Disciples to be His Proclaimers of His Gospel of Peace. Although The Gospel has been proclaimed, yet so seldom is His Perfect Peace clearly proclaimed including all His conditions as the basis for acceptance of His Perfect Surpassing Peace and Salvation. But instead there is a watered down Gospel message and a fear of losing people as well as a failure to impart The True Perfect Peace. Thus in past years true discipleship as a means of building His Church has been largely ignored or just not practiced as He directed.

The time before He returns is getting short! Is it not time for the true disciple-saints to get back to the basic means of evangelism with each one who claims to be a disciple of The Lord Jesus Christ proclaiming and involved in discipling others or at least getting the new claimers to be disciplined through an older disciple? How many do you know that have not been Scripturally disciplined? How many do you know that have not been Scripturally disciplined and are floundering spiritually? What are you doing to counteract this trend today?

**Conclusion:** Today in our study of **The Prince of Peace**, we briefly highlighted the outline of The facts concerning the Truths we already covered in examining the first six of the seven aspects that The Holy Spirit used in Scripture to portray The Lord Jesus Christ as The Prince of Peace. They are: A. The Person of Peace; B. The Possessor of Peace; C. The Personification of Peace; D. The Producer of Peace; E. The Procurer of Peace; F. The Proclaimer of Peace Proclaimed Peace;

Then we undertook to study the sixth aspect that is necessary to examine in order to fully understand this title belonging to The Lord Jesus Christ, **The Prince of Peace**, **The Perpetuator of Peace**. The One Who perpetuates Perfect Peace is called The Perpetuator. This in reality can refer only to The God and to His Son, The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace.

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  - b. The second promise The Prince of Peace made to His disciples was that He shall come again for His disciples.
  - c. The third promise The Prince of Peace made to His disciples was that he would take His disciples for Himself to be with Himself continuously forever.
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Perpetuation of This Perfect Peace could only be accomplished by having His disciples proclaiming His Gospel of Peace to other humans and making disciples and proclaimers of those who respond who in return follow the same procedure. However down through the centuries of years Satan has succeeded to interrupt or at least curtail the process. In past years true discipleship as a means of building His Church has been ignored or just not practiced as He directed.

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I ask again. How many do you know that have not been Scripturally discipled? How many do you know that have not been Scripturally discipled and are floundering spiritually? what are you doing to counteract this trend today?

**Application:** What will you begin doing today to be sure that you, your friends, and loved ones are properly discipled as The Lord Jesus taught, so as to be prepared for His soon return in the air for His disciple-saints?

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For next week: **THE PRINCE OF PEACE: III. What He Came To Do:**

**Part 18: A-D.** Please read and meditate upon: (Heb. 10:5-10 cf., Ps. 40:7,8; Heb. 10:5-8,10; Lk. 5:32; Mt. 10:34,35).