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Isaiah 9:6,7

“⁶For 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**.⁷Of 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

“⁶Since 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^[magistrates] and health to-Him. ⁷The principality of-His great^[nom. of excl.] 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 ^[loc. év]in-judgment and ^[loc. év]in-righteousness from the now even /forever. The zeal of-The **LORD** of-Hosts shall-do this” (Isa. 9:6,7 LXX APT).

Part 4

Introduction:

We have begun a study of the six aspects about The Lord Jesus Christ as **The Prince of Peace**, one of the nearly five hundred names, titles, and offices found in Scripture which designate Him. We reviewed the details of creation of the universe, the perfect world, and all the creatures, especially the people to live upon it in the six days. The Trinity created man and woman to experience perfect peace with Them and placed them in The Garden of Eden without Sin in perfect fellowship with The Godhead. The Godhead also created the means whereby they were to live in harmony and peace upon the Earth, produce offspring, and care for the Earth.

However, The **LORD** God gave Adam one commandment to persistently keep, “Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” At first they were obedient to that commandment and enjoyed perfect, undisturbed peace and daily fellowship with The Triune God. But disobedience in partaking of the forbidden fruit brought immediate, painful separation. That perfect peace and fellowship between The LORD God, The Creator and themselves and all creation was radically disturbed and ended at once.

The first couple alienated themselves from The **LORD** God by their Sin of disobedience. This resulted in persistent enmity between The God and all humans and Satan. A curse by The God was pronounced upon the serpent, the woman, the ground, and a curse of sorrow and hard labor upon the man. But The God promised Satan that the woman’s seed (later identified also as The Seed of Abraham in Rom 4:16, then as The Christ in New Testament Scripture) Who shall bruise Satan’s head and he, Satan shall bruise The Seed’s heel (Gen. 3:14-19). Then The Godhead graciously restored temporary fellowship from a distance between them.

We highlighted the process of the fulfillment of that promise concerning the seed of the woman through Abraham and ultimately The Seed of the woman, Mary to produce Perfect Peace for all mankind. But because of repeated disobedience by the nation of Israel and her people for many years, Israel has suffered repeated wars, oppression, bondage to other nations, and a constant battling ground of aggression and the granting of concessions to her enemies.

Eventually about 4,123 years later in 4 B.C., The Prince of Peace came

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to provide a permanent, intimate relationship in close fellowship for and with obedient, trusting humans, who appropriate and identify with the shedding of His own blood sacrifice of The Lord Jesus Christ, receive redemption, and wear the Garments of Salvation that He provided. Then we noted that there are six facts to be considered concerning The Prince of Peace: **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.** The last time we covered the first fact and half of the second fact concerning this wonderful Peace.

I. What is Peace.

We explained the two ways in which ‘peace’ is defined: the dictionary definition and the Scriptural meaning. We observed that The Scriptural meaning carries the dictionary meaning of peace plus the additional thought of ‘setting at one again’ with the result being ‘reconciliation of enemies.’ Since the title ‘**The Prince of Peace**’ is Scriptural, it is expected that The Scriptural meaning is always intended in doctrinal explanation and Bible teaching.

We noted the meaning of both The Old Testament and The New Testament use of the noun for ‘Peace.’ We must keep in mind the full significance of this noun ‘Peace.’ The kind of Peace that The Lord Jesus Christ proffers is perfect, persistent, prevailing Peace that surpasses all comprehension. It results in forgiveness of sins and redemption, uniting sinners once separated from The God to reconciliation and into union with The Triune Godhead. It is important to review these Truths frequently and keep them in mind. Peace is a very costly product, the price of which no ordinary human being can pay for oneself, let alone for others!

II. Who The Prince of Peace Is.

Then we began to expound the seven aspects depicting **The Prince of Peace**: 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; and G. The Perpetuator of Peace.

Our last time together in our study of The Prince of Peace we covered and considered the first three aspects of **II. Who the Prince of Peace Is** including The Person, The Possessor, and The Personification of Peace.

A. The Person of Peace.

We noted the two Greek nouns translated ‘prince’ in The New Testament: **ἄρχων** (arkhōn) meaning ‘ruler’ and **ἀρχηγός** (ar-khay-gōhs) which means ‘originator, chief military leader’ used to refer only to The Lord Jesus Christ as ‘Prince,’ ‘Captain,’ or ‘Author’ (AV) and translated ‘Originator’ (APT). Both meanings are applicable to The Lord Jesus Christ who fulfills all these aforementioned offices. He indeed is Ruler forever as well as He indeed was and shall be Chief Military Leader in the Battle of Armageddon. **The Prince of Peace** is none other than The Person of The Lord Jesus Christ, Who is The Originator, Captain, and Author of Peace. This title, **The Prince of Peace** was the last of five names foretold in this prophecy of Isaiah.

B. The Possessor of Peace.

The Lord Jesus Christ, **The Prince of Peace** is The Possessor of Peace. He Himself must possess Peace if He is to impart Peace to others. Peace is a precious and extremely costly possession! It cannot be bought by humans because the price to provide peace was far beyond the ability of a mere human to pay. Only The Lord Jesus Christ, The Perfect God-Human could pay the price to obtain peace for all humans. What that payment required was experienced and shown to be fully paid by The Only Perfect Human bearing the wrath and anger of The Righteous

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and Holy God as our substitute in crucifixion-death and pay the price of the agonizing fiery death in supernatural darkness under the eternal wrath of The God that all humans are destined to endure forever in Eternity. It was absolutely necessary for this substitutionary death to be followed by Resurrection-Ascension into Heaven with the offering of His shed-blood being applied to The Mercyseat in Heaven once for ever for all people.

Now the only way for a human to obtain this Peace for oneself is to come to The Lord Jesus Christ, receive the Peace that He possesses as a gift from **The Prince of Peace** after complying with all the conditions of Peace. This compliance calls for absolute and complete surrender to **The Prince and Possessor of Peace**. In this way by entering into union with The Lord Jesus Christ, **The Possessor of Peace**, Peace becomes one's own personal possession forever.

C. The Personification of Peace.

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself is The Personification of Peace. He is continuously our peace. Peace cannot be found anywhere else, except in The Person of **The Prince of Peace**, Who has all authority over Peace. 'Personification' is 'the embodiment of an abstract thing as a person.' 'Peace' is an abstract quality or state of tranquility and freedom from mental and/or physical disturbance obtained from **The Personification of Peace**.

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself personifies 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!

D. The Producer of Peace (Col. 1:19-23).

When **The Prince of Peace** came He produced Peace. We noted the Greek word translated 'making peace.' In order to make or manufacture a product and present it to the public, there are elements or components that comprise the product that must be supplied by both the manufacturer and the recipients of the public utilizing the offer. So it is with the peace that The Prince of Peace offers. We considered The Elements Required to Produce Peace.

1. The Elements Required to Produce Peace (Col. 1:19-23).

There are two elements required of The God to produce Peace: first to Provide for Complete Reconciliation of All Things and then to Provide Justification and Peace for All Peoples.

a. **He Must Provide Peace for Complete Reconciliation of All Things**

The reason that True Reconciliation must include all things is because the sin of Adam and Eve brought the curse on all things on the planet Earth, but Sin began with rebellion in Heaven and was brought to Earth by Satan, a Heavenly being. These two acts made it necessary to reconcile all things whether upon the Earth or in sphere of the Heavens (cf. Col. 1:20). There are three requirements necessary to accomplish this complete reconciliation and thus produce peace:

- (1) The first requirement to accomplish Redemption and Forgiveness of sins is to shed His sinless blood on The Cross to provide the ransom-price for release to complete Redemption and Forgiveness of sins, thus providing complete Reconciliation and through Reconciliation make Peace available for all humans (Col. 1:14,20; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:5,11-13,24; 10:2; 1 Pet. 1:18,19).

Therefore the first requirement obligatory to accomplish complete reconciliation, necessitated redemption and forgiveness of sins by means of shedding His blood in crucifixion as the ransom price and

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completing the transaction at The Mercyseat, stands perfectly satisfied.

- (2) The second requirement in order for The God to produce Peace is: to satisfy the righteous demands of The God by bearing the judgment upon Sin in His body on the cross (Col. 1:21,22; 1 Pet. 2:24).

Paul indicated that The Lord Jesus Christ completely reconciled sinners, who were alienated as enemies from The Godhead even in thinking of and engaging in wicked works. He did this by means of the body of His flesh enduring the wrath of The God on Calvary's cross during those three hours of supernatural darkness over the whole Earth.

Thus the second requirement necessary to accomplish complete reconciliation by bearing the judgment upon Sin in His body on the cross has been perfectly satisfied.

- (3) The third requirement in order for The God to produce Peace demands consummation the transaction through resurrection-ascension by applying His Shed-blood on The Mercyseat as payment for ransom has a three-fold purpose: (1) to save from anger, (2) to justify obedient trusting enemies, and (3) to cleanse and clear the conscience (Rom. 5:9; Heb. 9:13,14; 10:2; Tit. 1:15,16; 1 Tim. 4:1,2; 1 Pet. 3:21).

Since every human's conscience is polluted by Sin in The God's judgment until Repentance and Regeneration, only through The Lord Jesus Christ, **The Prince of Peace** can the enmity be negated, the conscience purged and purified, the guilt removed, and Reconciliation be achieved.

Disciples' baptism is the baptism that follows regeneration. It requires the taking up the cross dying of to self, to Sin, and to the world. Then to be buried with Christ in water baptism, and come forth to henceforth walk in newness of Absolute Life (Rom. 6:2-4; Gal. 3:27). When this has been done there shall be a good and cleansed conscience and a complete change in life-style, behavior, speech, and interests, all of which are effected by The Holy Spirit and not by one's own initiative and will-power! Every baptism that takes place apart from this action of death to self, Sin, and the world resulting in newness of Absolute Life is invalid (Acts 19:1-5).

Therefore the third requirement necessary to accomplish complete Reconciliation, by The Lord Jesus Christ applying His blood on The Mercyseat, to save from anger and justify obedient, trusting enemies and clear their conscience, has been perfectly satisfied. All three requirements necessary for The God to produce Peace have been fully fulfilled. Peace has been produced and made available for all humans everywhere throughout the world. All there is for anyone to do in order to experience this true and lasting Peace is to persistently commit trust in Him and completely comply with all His conditions for Peace.

Now we resume our study of Jesus Christ as The Producer of Peace.

b. **He Must Provide Justification and Peace for All Peoples by Negating the Enmity on Two Fronts.**

- a. The Lord Jesus Christ Negated the Enmity Vertically Between All Humans and The Godhead (Rom. 5:8-12; Rom. 5:16-19);

Since by means of Adam and Eve, their disobedience brought both physical death ultimately and also spiritual death immediately upon them and they became sinners and enemies alienated from The God. So also all their offspring, all humans, became alienated

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sinners and enemies to The God, Who requires atonement (O.T.) or propitiation (N.T.) for every human before Him or else they shall perish in their sins under The God's anger as enemies of The God. Paul indicated this in his Epistle to the Romans (Rom. 5:8-12).

“⁸But The God of-Himself is-continually-authenticating^[confirming-with-evidence] His love^[sovereign-preference-for-another-over-self-and-others] unto us because, while-being yet sinners ourselves, Christ died-off in-behalf-of us. ⁹Therefore much rather being-justified^[being-declared-righteous, free-of: blame, guilt, and/orpenalty] now ^[instr. év]by-means-of-His blood, we-shall-be-saved away-from the anger through Him. ¹⁰For if (and-it-is-true) while-being enemies, we-were-reconciled to-The God ^[instr. év]by-means-of- The Death-of-The Son of-His, much rather being-reconciled, we-shall-be-saved ^[instr. óv]by-means-of The Absolute-Life of-His. ¹¹But not only, on-the-contrary also, we-are-continually-jubilating ^[loc. év]in-The God through The Lord of-ours, Jesus Christ, through Whom now we-receive the reconciliation. ¹²On-account-of this, even-as through one-human⁺ The Sin ^[Gen. 3:6]entered into the world and The Death through The Sin, ^{[in-this-way]^[so]} also The Death^[Gen. 2:17] penetrated-through unto all humans for-which-reason all habitually sin^{[constative aorist 3 tense, not perfect tense]’}” (Rom. 5:8-12 APT).

The Sin And The Death are capitalized to indicate that each is the only one of its kind. The Sin is the master, to which every un-regenerated human serves as a bonds slave and The Death is the particular death, also called The Second Death, The Lake of Fire is the punishment to be received by all who sin (Rev. 21:11; 20:6,14; 21:8).

Paul went on to explain the thought process of condemnation-to-punishment, on the one hand following **Ahdáhm**'s (Adam's) gross-stupid error of disobedience to The God's single commandment was unto Death and condemnation-to-punishment was passed down through every generation unto all humans. But on the other hand, the provision of The Grace-gift of Salvation, Redemption, Reconciliation, Justification (being declared righteous, free of: blame, guilt, and/or penalty), unto Absolute Life following The Death in Judgment on the body of His flesh (Col. 1:22) and shedding of the blood of The God's Son (Rom. 5:16-19).

“¹⁶And **not** as through ⁰one⁺ ^[aorist-temporal-participial]after-sinning ^[is] the free gift. For on-the-one- hand the judgment ^[is] out-of^[source] ⁰one unto condemnation-to-punishment, but-on-the-other-hand The Grace-gift ^[is] out-of^[source] many gross-stupid-errors^[fallings-aside, failings-to-stand-upright-when-one-should] unto a-righteous-declaration. ¹⁷For if (and-it-is-true) the gross-stupid-error^[falling-aside, failing-to-stand-upright-when-one-should] of-the one ^[Ahdáhm] The Death reigned, much rather the-ones receiving superabundance of-the grace and of-the gratuitous-gift-of-the righteousness shall-reign ^[loc. év]in-Absolute-Life because^[for the sake] of The⁺ One, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸So-then, therefore as through^[intermediate agency] one's⁺^[Ahdáhm's] gross-stupid-error^[falling-aside, failing-to-stand-upright-when-one-should] ^{[judgment^[v. 16] is]} unto condemnation-to-punishment unto all humans^[generic], ^{[In-this-way]^[so]} also through^[intermediate agency] One's righteous-declaration ^{[the grace-gift^[v. 16] is]} for all humans^[generic] unto justification^[being declared righteous, free-of: blame, guilt, and/orpenalty] unto ^[obj. gen.]Absolute-Life. ¹⁹For even-as through the neglect-to-obey by-the-one ^[vs. 14,16]human^[generic] the many were-appointed-to-position-of sinners, ^{[in-this-way]^[so]} also through the obedience of-The-One the many shall-be-appointed-to-position-of righteous-ones” (Rom. 5:16-19 APT).

Here Paul drew an analogy between **Ahdáhm** and The Lord Jesus Christ, between the first **Ahdáhm** and The Last **Ahdáhm** (1 Cor. 15:45). Paul demonstrated the similarities between Adam's act of disobedience and its dreadful consequences and The Lord Jesus

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Christ's act of obedience and its glorious consequences.

	<u>The First Ahdáhm</u>	<u>The Last Ahdáhm</u>
The act:	Disobedience	Obedience
	One Gross-stupid-error	One Righteous act
Result:	Judgment -- Death	Suffering Substitutional Death
	Condemnation-to-punishment	Enduring Death's Punishment
Reigned:	Death inevitably upon all	Absolute Life available to all
Eternal Outcome:	Punishment in Fire	Reigning in union with The Christ

Four years later from his prison cell in Rome, Paul wrote to the Colossians giving additional progressive revelation to that to which he instructed the Romans (Col. 1:20-22).

“²⁰and through Him in-order-to-reconcile-completely the all-things unto Himself [participle-of-means] by-making-peace through the blood of the cross of-His, through Him, whether the-things upon the Earth, whether the-things [é with the dative] in-the-sphere-of-The Heavens. ²¹And you&, once being-alienated-ones and enemies [é with the dative] in-the-thinking-capacity [instrumental é] by-means-of-the wicked works of-yours&, but even-now He-completely-reconciled ²²by-means-of-the body of-the flesh of-His through The Death, to-present [t.t.: stand-alongside] you& [predicate accusative] as-saints [holy-ones] and unblemished-ones and ones-not-judicially-incriminated& directly-in-the-judgment-of-His” (Col. 1:20-22 APT).

In this passage Paul added to what was previously revealed, the following Truths:

- (1) Through The Lord Jesus Christ, **The Prince of Peace**, His Son, The God reconciled completely all things upon the Earth including those who were alienated in their thoughts, even though they had not actually committed those wicked things which they thought. Paul added “and all things in the sphere of The Heavens” (v. 20).
- (2) ‘By means of the body of His flesh,’ not just His shed-blood on the cross, but also it was necessary for His body to bear the full blow of The God’s wrath upon all our sins and the sins of the whole world throughout all time in order to reconcile all His enemies stained by Sin with The Godhead. This Truth was also emphasized again a year later in late spring A.D. 63 by Paul in Hebrews (10:5-10) and again by Peter in winter A.D. 65-66 (1 Pet. 2:24).
- (3) The purpose for The body of **The Prince of Peace** to suffer The Wrath of The God on the cross and to bear our sins through The Death was not only to negate the enmity between humans and The Godhead but also in order to present us in a threefold way directly, not just in His presence, but also, in the judgment of The Godhead as: holy ones (saints), unblemished ones, and not judicially incriminated ones. Can anyone enter His presence in a condition any more perfect than that? Think of it! Unworthy sinners that we are and yet we are to be presented to The Godhead **absolutely perfect!!!** With such a prospect before us, how can we even think of continuing to live, as we have been, and the way many professing Christians are still living? Does not this move us to give The Godhead full reins of our lives and all our members as His bondslaves?

Having considered that The Lord Jesus Christ negated the enmity vertically between humans and The Godhead there is another aspect of enmity which must be negated, the enmity horizontally between

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Jews and Gentiles. But we will take that up the next time we are together.

Conclusion:

Today in our study of **The Prince of Peace** we continued the study of the seven facts about The Lord Jesus Christ as Prince of Peace. We reviewed our previous consideration of the first two facts: **What Is Peace** and **Who The Prince of Peace Is!** We briefly reviewed the first three of seven aspects depicting **The Prince of Peace**: A. The Person of Peace; B. The Possessor of Peace; C. The Personification of Peace. Then we recapitulated what we studied under the second heading, **He Produced Peace**, specifically three aspects of **the first element** that are necessary to produce peace:

1. By shedding His blood on The Cross to provide the ransom-price for release to complete redemption and forgiveness of sins, thus providing reconciliation and through reconciliation making Peace;
2. To satisfy the righteous demands of The God by bearing the judgment upon Sin in His body on the cross: and
3. To consummate the transaction through resurrection-ascension by applying His shed-blood on The Mercyseat as payment for ransom in order to save from anger, justify obedient trusting enemies, and clear their conscience.

Then we examined **the second element** that is necessary to provide complete reconciliation by Negating the Enmity on Two Fronts: Vertically between All Humans and The Godhead and Negating the Enmity Horizontally Between Jews and Gentiles.

- a. The Lord Jesus Christ Negated the Enmity Vertically Between All Humans and The Godhead.

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An analogy chart demonstrated the similarities between Adam's act of disobedience and its dreadful consequences and The Lord Jesus Christ's act of obedience and its glorious consequences.

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- (1) Through His Son, **The Prince of Peace**, The God reconciled completely all things upon the Earth including those who were alienated in their thoughts, even though they had not actually committed those wicked things which they thought. Then he added "and all things in the sphere of The Heavens."
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incriminated ones.

All that remains is for lost guilty sinners to recognize their need for complete reconciliation through Redemption, take their place as lost guilty sinners, confess their plight, and seek to meet the requirements that The Godhead has required in order to procure Peace. True Peace has been provided by The Godhead, but must be **obtained** by humans individually and personally meeting His conditions for Peace. The only solution to true world peace internationally and true personal peace within individually is found in The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace exclusively. You can ignore Him, continue rejecting His Peace, continue in misery, disturbance, discord, indifference, and in enmity against The Godhead and continue to battle against Him or you can begin taking steps toward personally meeting His conditions so as to obtain Peace for yourself!

Application:

What will you do today with the offer that The Lord Jesus Christ, **The Prince of Peace** sets before you to meet all His requirements or conditions in order to possess His peace? DFW

For next week: Read and meditate upon: **THE PRINCE OF PEACE: Who He Is** part 5: **The Producer of Peace, Negating The Enmity Horizontally** (Isa. 9:6,7; Eph. 2:11-17, 1- 3).