Prince of Peace Isaiah 9:6-7

INTRODUCTION

We conclude this morning with our study of the King with 4 Names: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. These are not names in the sense of the names that we use for each other on a daily basis. Rather these are names that describe the character, the quality, the essence of who this child is. And there is only one Child who was born into our world in all of history who fulfills the meaning of all these names, and we celebrate His birth at Christmas, namely Jesus.

Shalom is the Hebrew word for "peace," but it means so much more than that. Shalom means not merely an absence of conflict, but personal well-being, wholeness, and rest. The person who has "shalom" is at perfect peace in every aspect of his or her being. So, when you greet someone with the word "shalom," you are expressing the very deepest wishes for God's blessing upon their life.

Isaiah gave his prophecy at a time when the people of Judah were far from peace. The Northern Kingdom of Israel had joined forces with Syria and was marching on Jerusalem. The Assyrian Empire was on the rise, and the people of Judah were surrounded by conflict and war on every side.

And in the midst of all this conflict Isaiah prophesies the birth of a child who will be called "**Sar-Shalom**," the Prince of Peace. We hear the word "**prince**" today and we immediately think of a junior king or someone who will someday grow up to be king, but in the Hebrew the word simply means a "**ruler**." And so, Isaiah is saying that this **child who will be born and this Son who will be given** will be a ruler who brings peace and shalom wherever He reigns. This peace that Jesus brings is that illusive "**something**" that we have been looking for. The peace He brings is that peace that can make you complete. I. As Prince of Peace, Jesus provides _____

peace between us and God. He makes it possible to be

(reconciled) with God.

A. We are ______ from God because of our _____

(Isaiah 59:2)

B. We are _____ to God through Jesus' ____

(Romans 5:1)

II. As Prince of Peace, Jesus provides us ______ peace through our relationship with God. He brings ______ in the trials of life.

A. His _____: He gives you His own peace _____ the Holy Spirit (John 14:27)

B. His _____: He gives you the peace _____ God which _____ all understanding (Philippians 4:6-7)

- This peace is different from what the world thinks of as peace.
- This peace comes from trusting God rather than from our ability to understand.

C. His _____: He will keep you in perfect peace as you keep _____ in Him (Isaiah 26:3) III. As Prince of Peace, Jesus provides us ______ peace _____ others. He helps us to live a ______ life with others.

A. He ______ all human barriers

(Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:3)

B. He _____ us to _____ as we have been _____ (Matthew 18:21-22)

C. He _____ us to live in ____ with

_____ (Romans 12:18; Matthew 5:23-24)

IV. As Prince of Peace, Jesus will bring _____peace when He returns to rule forever. He will ultimatelybring an end to ______ among the nations.

A. King Jesus will ______ war between the

nations (Isaiah 2:1-4)

CONCLUSION

What can we take with us this morning? We have looked at four ways from Scripture that Jesus fulfills this fourth name, *Prince of Peace.* But don't miss the relationship between the various aspects of this name. **Spiritual peace comes first**, **then personal peace and relational peace, and finally one day when Christ returns, world peace.** You can see that more clearly when you trace it backwards. Before we can have world peace between the nations, we must first have relational peace with each other. Before we can have relational peace with each other, we must first know the personal peace that comes from a relationship with God. And before we can know personal peace in our lives through relationship with God, we must first come to spiritual peace with God through faith in Christ who died for our sins.

B. King Jesus will rule in ______ forever

(Isaiah 9:7)