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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).

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“⁶Since 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. 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 6

Introduction:

We have been studying the first of 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 noted details of creation and the early lives of the first man and woman who experienced the loss of perfect peace with The Triune Godhead in The Garden of Eden without Sin in perfect fellowship with Them until they disobeyed The God’s only commandment. This disobedience in partaking of the forbidden fruit brought immediate, painful separation. That perfect peace and fellowship between The LORD God, The Creator and themselves since creation through all the ages was radically disturbed and ended at once. This resulted in persistent enmity between The God and all humans and Satan. The consequences brought the curse of sin and death upon the serpent, the woman, the ground, and every human offspring. But The God promised a means of Salvation for every human through 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).

We highlighted the process of the fulfillment of that promise concerning the seed of the woman through Abraham and ultimately to 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 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 receive redemption, and wear the Garments of Salvation that He provided.

We also 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.** In the last four lessons we completed the first fact and three aspects of the second fact concerning this wonderful Peace. Recently we have been considering **II. Who The Prince of Peace Is** and have covered the seven aspects depicting **The Lord Jesus Christ as: A.**

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The Person of Peace; B. The Possessor of Peace; C. The Personification of Peace; and D. The Producer of Peace. We noted:

1. The Two Elements Required to Produce Peace:

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

We noted that 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. 9:14,15; 1 Pet. 1:18,19). This requirement 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). This requirement too stands perfectly satisfied.
- (3) The third requirement in order for The God to produce Peace, demands consummation of 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). This requirement was perfectly fulfilled.

Thus all three requirements of the first element obligatory to accomplish complete reconciliation stand perfectly satisfied by The Lord Jesus Christ according to Scripture. Peace has been produced and made available for all humans everywhere throughout the world.

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

- (1) The First Front on which The Lord Jesus Christ Negated the Enmity Vertically Is Between All Humans and The Godhead (Rom. 5:8-12; Eph. 2:12,13; Rom. 5:16-19);
- (2) The Second Front on which The Lord Jesus Christ Negated the Enmity Horizontally Is Between Jews and Gentiles with one fell swoop.

(A) There are Three Reasons for this Enmity Horizontally between Jews and Gentiles (heathen):

(1) Gentiles are morally corrupt in senseless idolatry (Eph. 2:1-3);

Paul previously explained early in this chapter that the Gentiles (heathen) were morally corrupt in three ways: (a) in their gross-stupid-errors (failings to stand upright when one should), (b) in their sins (deliberate violation of The God's Law, and (c) in their passionate lusts and cravings. Then Paul used the inclusive we, both Gentiles and Jews, both are children of anger (greater than wrath, rather a sustained condition of mind with revenge in view). The first distinction made between them is the matter of morality. Those Israelites who kept the Law were moral sinners, the Gentiles (heathen) were immorally depraved sinners, but both entities are sinners and thus enemies to The Triune God and need reconciliation.

(2) Gentiles are regarded as 'Uncircumcision' by The Jews (Eph. 2:11);

Then Paul stated the physical distinction between Israelite men and heathen or Gentile men. Gentiles are those who are termed 'Uncircumcision' by the Jews, who are in turn termed 'Circumcision,' which is accomplished by hands with flesh.

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- (3) Gentiles before regeneration are far removed from Israelites (Israelis) in five ways:
- (a) They are continually ignorant of and apart from The Christ, The Jews' Messiah (Eph. 2:12a);
 - (b) They continually exist in alienation from the citizenship of The Israel (Eph. 2:12b);
 - (c) They are continually strangers to the three of the seven covenants of the promise which The God made with Israel (Eph. 2:12c): the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 15:4-21), the Mosaic Covenant (Ex. 19:5-20:20), and the Davidic Covenant (2 Sam. 7:5-19; 23:5);
 - (d) They continually have no hope (Eph. 2:12d);
 - (e) They continually are ones-without-The God in the world and are not righteous, even though they are religious and worship a god but not The God (Eph. 2:12e). Many are the blind following the blind in ignorance, but it is worse when blind teachers are leading the blind into eternal destruction in The Lake of Fire.

Therefore both Jews (near) and heathen without The God (afar off) were at enmity with each other. There existed a 'middle wall of partition' between them. This 'middle wall of partition' is best illustrated by the Jews' response to the Assyrians, who were a mixed breed living in north Israel, who desired to rebuild the Temple with the returning Israelites under the leadership of Zerubbabel, but were forbidden (Ezra 4:1-4).

- (B) There are Four Accomplishments that The Lord Jesus Christ Consummated in order to Eliminate This Enmity that existed horizontally between Jews (Israelites) and Gentiles (heathen):
- (1) The Prince of Peace destroyed the middle wall of partition which separated Israelites and heathen (Gentiles) (Eph. 2:15a,b);
 - (2) The Prince of Peace Created the two enemies into union with Himself resulting in one new kind of human (Eph. 2:15c);
 - (3) The Prince of Peace completely reconciled both Jews and Gentiles to The God in One Body through the cross (Eph.2:16); and
 - (4) The Prince of Peace eliminated^[killed] the enmity between Jews and Gentiles by means of the cross (Eph. 2:16).

Thus we have demonstrated the enmity on two fronts and indicated how **The Prince of Peace** negated the two-fold enmity by four achievements: (1) bringing to ruins or destroying the middle wall of partition which separated Israelites and heathen or Gentiles (Eph. 2:15a,b); (2) creating the two enemies into union with Himself resulting in one new kind of human (Eph. 2:15c); and (3) completely reconciling both Jews and Gentiles to The God in One Body through the cross and (4) eliminated the enmity by means of the cross (Eph. 2:16).

The Lord Jesus Christ created this union with Himself into One Body called The Church (Eph. 2:15; 4:3,4; 5:23; Col. 1:18). In doing so He established The Church as a new nation (1 Pet. 2:9,10) with citizenship in Heaven (Phil. 3:20). Thus there is replacement of citizenship, if indeed we are in total union with The Lord Jesus Christ, since The God identifies only three companies in His judgment: Jews, Gentiles, and His Church known as The Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:32). As belonging to which company does The God identify you? How you identify yourself does not matter! How The God identifies you does matter! To which one does He recognize that with which you are in total union and truly belong?

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Now we shall resume our study to consummate consideration of **The Lord Jesus Christ as Producer of Peace.**

2. The Conditions that Are Required and Must be Met to Personally Appropriate Peace (Mk. 4:15; 8:34-37 2 Cor. 4:3,4; Col. 1:12,13,20-22; Rom. 6:12,13; Jn. 3:16-18,36; Acts 16:30,31; 17:30,31; Mt. 11:28-30).

There are seven conditions of peace that every human enemy of The Godhead **must** meet if that one intends to appropriate and obtain The Peace that The Prince of Peace has provided. These seven conditions that The God has stipulated in Scripture are: (1) Recognize the Spiritual War between all humans under Satan's Power and The Godhead and Realize the Dreadful Eternal Consequences of this Enmity; (2) Realize that Provision for Peace **Has Been Made Available** to All Humans and that You **Personally Need to obtain** This Peace; (3) Reason the **Consequences of Refusing to Meet the Conditions** of Peace; (4) Resolve to Cease Being The God's Enemy and Accept His Conditions of Peace; (5) Repent of Your Sins and Turn Your Back on the Way You've Been Going in order to Go The God's Way; (6) Rely with Personal, Persistent, Total Committed Trust upon The Lord Jesus Christ; (7) Replace Satan and Sin as your Master with The Lord Jesus Christ and Righteousness, **Resign your all** to Him, and **Persistently Follow Him** as His Faithful Disciple. These are explained in more detail here.

a. Recognize the Spiritual War between All Humans under Satan's Power and Dominion and The True God! (Mk. 4:15; 2 Cor. 4:3,4; Col. 1:12,13).

Ever since Adam and Eve yielded to Satan in disobedience in The Garden of Eden, Satan has been warring against The Godhead by attacking His Word, both Spoken and Written by snatching It away, corrupting It, and denying It (Mk. 4:15 APT).

“¹⁵Now these are the-ones alongside the way, where The Word is-continually-being-sown. And whenever they-hear, immediately Satan comes and carries-off The Word which has-been-sown ^[loc. &v]in-the-hearts of-theirs” (Mk. 4:15 APT).

Satan has been doing this for more than six millenniums in his war with The God. And since The Resurrection-ascension of The Lord Jesus Christ, he, Paul called him ‘the god of this age,’ constantly keeps blinding the concepts of faithless ones in order to keep the illumination of The Gospel of The Christ from dawning upon them in their utter darkness (2 Cor. 4:3,4).

“³But even if (and-it-is-true) The Gospel by-us ^[periphrastic perfect participle] is-standing-intently-covered, it-is-standing-intently-covered ^[loc. &v]among-the-perishing-ones, ⁴^[loc. &v]among-whom& the god-of-this 'age ^[constative aoris] constantly-blinds the concepts^[thoughts] of-the faithless-ones, ^[purpose infinitive]in-order-that--the-illumination-of-The Gospel-of-the glory^[majestic radiant splendor] of The Christ, Who is ⁰image-of-The God, not ^[subjunctive]dawn-upon-them” (2 Cor. 4:3,4 APT)

Satan persistently attempts to prevent humans from being removed or transferred from his kingdom to The Kingdom of Light. Have you perchance been allowing Satan to prevent you from seeing The Truth and being removed from his kingdom of the dark?

Why not submit to The Lord Jesus Christ and give thanks and rejoice with all of us who have been rescued from Satan's kingdom and from heading straight down to outer darkness? (Col. 1:12,13).

“ourselves . . . ¹²while-giving-thanks to-The Father, Who made-us-adequate ^[telic &v]for-the-purpose-of ¹being¹ the share-of-the allotted-portion-of-the saints ^[loc. &v]in-union-with-The Light, ¹³Who rescued us out-of-the authority-of-the dark. And He-removed ^{1us} unto The Kingdom of-The Son of-The

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Love^[sovereign. preference for another over self and others] of-His'' (Col. 1:12,13 APT).

As long as you belong to Satan's kingdom, you are an enemy to The God and are using your body and all its members as weapons or instruments of warfare for Satan in his war against The God (Rom. 6:12,13).

''¹²Therefore the Sin is-to-stop-reigning in-the mortal body of-yours& ^[present infinitive of result with negative]so-as to-continue obeying it in its 'cravings! ¹³In-fact ^[present negative imperative]stop-persistently offering^[t.t., lit.: to stand alongside, to present] the members-of-yours& as weapons^[war implements] of unrighteousness for the ^[dative of advantage]Sin! But-on-the-contrary^[aorist imperative]offer-at-once yourselves as sacrifices to-The God, as ones-Absolutely-Living&+ out-of ⁰&dead-ones and the members-of-yours as weapons^[war implements] of Righteousness ^[dative of advantage]for-The God!'' (Rom. 6:12,13 APT).

It is important to realize that The God is Omnipotent, Eternal, and Sovereign with Total Authority, who has the final say in judgment. Also realize the eternal defeat and eternal suffering of torment and endless torture in The Lake of Fire that Satan and all his followers together with all unredeemed humans at enmity with The God, shall suffer!

Thus it is seen that there is spiritual war between all humans under Satan's power and dominion and The True God with all His redeemed saints. The first step toward peace and the first condition to be met in order to obtain peace is to recognize this on-going spiritual warfare and realize that you yourself are at enmity with The God fighting against Him under Satan's control and in Satan's Kingdom of darkness and realize the dreadful eternal consequences of this Enmity unless indeed you are regenerated!

b. Realize that Provision for Peace has been Made Available to All Humans and that You Personally Need Peace! (Col. 1:20-22)

In our previous studies of The Prince of Peace, the provision of peace was clearly considered. So let us just review one of the passages previously studied to refresh our memories concerning the provision of peace that The Prince of Peace provided (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).

You need to realize that because you have not been reconciled to Him by complying to the conditions for peace, you are alienated from Him as an enemy, you have no hope of escaping the eternal consequences, and there is no possibility of peace of mind without The Prince of Peace replacing Satan as the master ruling your life.

c. Reason the Consequences of Refusing to Meet the Conditions of Peace! (Mt. 25:41; Rev. 20:12-15; Ps. 66:18; Mt. 11:25; Gen. 6:3; Rev. 13:15-17).

What are the consequences of refusing the conditions for peace? At death be cast into Hell to suffer torment of fire (Lk. 16:22,23) until resurrected and then judged at The Great White Throne according to each one's works to spend Eternity in The Lake of Fire with the devil

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and his angels (Mt. 25:41; Rev. 20:12-15). In addition to that, while still living The God will abandon you forever, no response to prayers (Ps. 66:18), no hope of rest from weary labor (Mt. 11:25), no more convicting and striving by The Holy Spirit (Gen. 6:3). And for those still living after the rapture, no escape from the mark of The Beast and worshipping him or be starved to death (Rev. 13:15-17). Need any more be said? Does not any of this disturb you and cause you to flee to The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace in haste to meet the conditions of peace?

d. Resolve to Cease being The God's Enemy and Accept His Conditions of Peace (Lk. 16:3,4);

“³Then the [steward, lit.: house administrator, usually a promoted bondslave] manager-of-affairs said [locative *ἐν*] within-himself, What-shall-I-do, because the lord of mine is-cutting-off-for-himself the stewardship [managing of affairs] away- from me? I-am- not-strong [enough] to-cultivate. I-am-ashamed [inceptive present tense] to-begin-to-beg. ⁴I-just-realized [dramatic aorist: to-know] what [subjunctive] I-should-do so-that whenever I-am-removed from the stewardship [managing of affairs], [subjunctive] they-hospitably-receive me into the houses of-theirs” (Lk. 16:3,4 APT).

When the unrighteous steward heard of his master's orders to end his stewardship and give an account of his slack and careless management, he pondered what he should do because of his limited ability to survive. Then he resolved what to do. He decided and determined to act quickly to provide for his best future. So you and I need to resolve this serious matter involving our future and we have not much time before it will be too late. Eternity is too serious and a very long time compared to the brevity of life on Earth for you to delay in the short span of unknown space of time that The God has granted you to live. Therefore do not delay anymore! Act now!

5. Repent of Your Sins and Turn Your Back on the Way You've Been Going in order to Go The God's Way (Acts 17:30,31);

“³⁰Therefore in-fact, The God, although-overlooking the periods-of-time of-the-ignorance with-reference-to the-things now, He-persistently-charges all the humans [generic] in-all places, Be-repenting [change the mind so as to change direction]! ³¹for-the-reason-that He-established [caused to stand] a-day [loc. *ἐν*] in-which He-is-about to-judge the inhabited-Globe [loc. *ἐν*] in-righteousness by-means-of ⁰Man [generic] Whom He-designated, [aorist participle] after-effecting ⁰faith for-all-people [aorist participle] when resurrecting Him out-of dead-ones” (Acts 17:30,31 APT).

The Greek word translated 'repent' is *μετανοέω* (metanoéō), a compound word composed of the verb *νοέω* (noéō) meaning “to perceive, apprehend, understand, gain insight to, be minded to, or to consider,” plus the prefixed preposition *μετά* which can mean “company with, in the midst of, in association or cooperation with, along with, in succession, transfer, or change.” When used in combination with *νοέω* (noéō) the concept conveyed, especially when used militarily and spiritually, is “to change the mind about the direction one is going and reverse direction. This use is summed up in the U.S.A. Army, ‘To the rear, March!’ or in the Australian Army, ‘About turn!’ Then in Greek in relation to Salvation from Sin it means “to change one's mind so as to change the direction one is going.”

Repentance is not works, but a determined willingness to yield to The God, a determined willingness to receive Eternal Life and Salvation, a determined willingness to make Jesus Christ Lord of one's life.

Therefore in the light of the consequences ahead in Eternity, after facing **The Prince of Peace** to be judged by The Very One Whose

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conditions of Peace you rejected, are you foolish enough to continue rejecting Him? Or are you prudent and sensible enough to resolve now to repent and determine to stop going your own stubborn way of Sin and Disobedience, turn about and begin persistently going The God's Way of Obedience and Righteousness with no turning back?

6. Rely with personal, persistent, total committed trust upon The Lord Jesus Christ and depend upon The Holy Spirit to enable you to fulfill all these conditions (Jn. 3:16-18,36);

¹⁶For The God so loved^[sovereignly preferred over self and others] the world, so-that He-gave The Only-Begotten /Son of-His, in-order-that everyone ^[present participle]in-the-process-of-persistently-committing-trust unto Him perish not, but-on-the-contrary persistently-have Eternal Absolute-Life. ¹⁷For The God ^[with commission]sent not The Son of-His into the world in-order-that He judge-the world -to-condemnation, but-on-the-contrary in-order-that the world be-saved through Him. ¹⁸The-one persistently-committing-trust unto Him is- not -being-judged-to-condemnation. But-on-the-contrary the-one not -persistently-committing-trust already has-been-permanently-judged-to-condemnation because he-has- not -permanently-committed-trust unto the name-of-The Only-Begotten Son of The God. . . . ³⁶The-one persistently-committing-trust unto The Son is-continually-having Eternal Absolute-Life. But the-one persistently-disobeying^[lit.: resisting persuasion] with-reference-to The Son shall-not -behold ⁰Absolute-Life, but-on-the-contrary the anger-of-The God is-continually-abiding upon him" (Jn. 3:16-18,36 APT).

To rely upon is 'to place full confidence in' The Lord Jesus Christ. This is an essential condition to peace and at the same time this is initial to The Eternal Absolute Life of Peace. It is initial because it is into an on-going, uninterrupted commitment to The Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal Son of The God. He is The Only One upon Whom one can completely rely. So why delay and linger? What are you allowing to stand in the way of doing the only sensible thing you can do in your hopeless and alienated condition before The God?

7. Replace Satan and Sin as your Master with The Lord Jesus Christ and Righteousness, Resign your All to Him, and Persistently Follow Him as His Faithful Disciple (Mk. 8:34-37; Mt. 11:28-30).

Total persistent committed trust is only the beginning of Life in Christ Jesus. There must be persistent attention to growth, closely following Him, and learning from The God's Word in order to fully enjoy and abide in close relationship and fellowship with Him. Early in the third year of His ministry The Lord Jesus issued an invitation to his disciples and the crowd following Him (Mk. 8:34-37).

³⁴And ^[aorist participle]when-summoning the crowd ^[in co.]with the disciples of- His ^[the face of]Himself, He-said to-them, Whoever is-determinedly-willing to-come after^[in back of] Me, he-is-utterly-to-deny himself! And he-is-to-carry- off the cross of-his! And he-is-persistently-to-follow Me!

³⁵For whoever determinedly-will to-save the natural-life^[soul] of-his, he-shall-lose^[ruin, utterly destroy] it. But who ever lose^[ruin, utterly destroy] the natural-life of-his for My sake^[cause] and The Gospels, this-one shall-save it.

³⁶For what shall-it benefit a-human^[generic] if (and-it-may-take-place) he-gain^[win] the whole world and forfeit^[suffer loss of] the soul^[natural life] of-his?

³⁷Or what will a human^[generic] give in exchange for his /soul^[natural life]?" (Mk. 8:34-37 APT).

No one can fulfill these conditions in one's own strength and ability. The Lord Jesus sent The Holy Spirit to Earth to replace His Presence and Power here to enable fulfillment in us of all He requires of us simply by effectively working in us as we yield to Him.

Also The Lord Jesus Christ indicated that an exchange was necessary in addition to taking up one's cross for one to follow Him.

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The exchange involved replacing the old masters, Sin and Disobedience, ultimately Satan, with Obedience and Righteousness, ultimately The Father, God and Himself as new Masters. Then later He emphasized taking His yoke of discipleship (Mt. 11:28-30).

“²⁸Come-now to^[to-the-face-of] Me! all the-ones wearying-in-labor and ones-perpetually-burdened and-Myself, I-shall-refreshingly-repose you&. ²⁹Carry-off the yoke of-Mine upon you& and ^[constant aorist 2]constantly-learn-by-practice-as-a-disciple ^[be disciplined by means of intimate training] from Me because I-am-meek^[be patiently submissive in suffering offences] and humble ^[locative]in-the-heart! And &you-shall-find-refreshing-repose for your& souls^[natural lives]. ³⁰For the yoke of-Mine is^{is} kind and the burden of-Mine is light-weight” (Mt. 11:28-30 APT).

Later just before His Ascension He gave the command to make Disciples of people of all nations (Mt. 28:16-20). If it is a command, and **it is**, this responsibility lies upon every one who identifies with Him under His New Covenant.

Conclusion: Today in our study of **The Prince of Peace**, we briefly reviewed what we studied in previous lessons concerning **What Is Peace** and **Who The Prince of Peace Is: The Person of Peace** and **The Producer of Peace**. Firstly, we considered **The Two Elements Required to Produce Peace** which He fulfilled completely. He Provided for Complete Reconciliation of All Things and Provided Justification and Peace for All Peoples. Then we addressed the fact that **The Prince of Peace** Provided Justification and Peace for All Peoples by Negating the Enmity on Two Fronts. There are four accomplishments in order to eliminate the enmity that existed between Israelites (Jews) and Gentiles (heathen): (1) He destroyed the middle wall of partition which separated Israelites and Gentiles; (2) He Created the two enemies into union with Himself resulting in one new kind of human; and (3) He completely reconciled the both Jews and Gentiles to The God in One Body through the cross; and (4) He eliminated the enmity between them by means of the cross. This union with The Godhead He called His Church. Are you in total union with and truly belong to His Church?

We then considered The Elements or Conditions required to Procure Peace. These seven conditions that The God has stipulated in Scripture are: (1) Recognize the Spiritual War between all humans under Satan's Power and The Godhead and Realize the Dreadful Eternal Consequences of this Enmity; (2) Realize that Provision for Peace Has Been Made Available to All Humans and that You Personally Need Peace; (3) Reason the Consequences of Refusing to Meet the Conditions of Peace; (4) Resolve to Cease being The God's Enemy and Accept His Conditions of Peace; (5) Repent of Your sins and Turn Your Back on the way you've been Going in order to Go The God's Way; (6) Rely with personal, persistent, total committed trust upon The Lord Jesus Christ and depend upon The Holy Spirit to enable you to fulfill all That He requires of us in Scripture; (7) Replace Satan and Sin as your Master with The Lord Jesus Christ and Righteousness, Resign Your All to Him, and Persistently Follow Him as His Faithful Disciple.

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 7: **The Procurer of Peace** (Isa. 9:6,7; Heb. 9:11,12,24; Tit. 2:14; Eph. 1:4; 2 Thes. 2:13; Rev. 20:12-15 cf. 22:16,18,19).

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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 procured by humans. 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 or you can continue to battle against Him or you can begin taking steps toward procuring His Peace for yourself!

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