

# “The Gospel of Peace”

(Romans 10:15; Ephesians 6:15)

That’s what it brings to  
those who submit to it.

# The One Who Would Bring This Peace

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**. Of the increase of His government and **peace** there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this” (Isaiah 9:6–7).

To further whet our  
appetite for this peace...

Look at these word pictures from Isaiah

# Word Pictures of Peace in Isaiah

- “You will keep him in **perfect peace**, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You” (26:3).
- “The work of righteousness will be **peace**, and the **effect** of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever” (32:17).
- “Oh, that you had heeded my commandments! Then your **peace** would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea” (48:18).

Who is this “Prince of Peace”  
of whom Isaiah spoke?

# Prophecy Fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth

- Do you remember what was said by the “multitude of the heavenly host” when Jesus was born?
  - Luke 2:7–14.
  - “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace** among men with whom He is pleased” (NAS).
  - But his mere entrance into the world did not bring peace. The biggest obstacle to peace is sin, and so it was necessary for him to die for our sins.

# He Made Peace Through His Cross

- “The chastisement for our **peace** was upon Him” (Isaiah 53:5).
- “For it pleased the Father that **in Him** all the fullness should dwell, and **by Him** to reconcile all things to Himself, **by Him**, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made **peace** through the blood of His cross” (Colossians 1:19–20).

# A Very Different Kind of Peace

- “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; **not as the world gives** do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14:27).
- Two examples of “this world” peace: Acts 12:20; 24:1–3.



# Features of This Peace

- It gives rest to our souls (Matthew 11:28–30).
  - It gives us peace with God (Romans 5:1).
  - “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace” (Luke 7:50).
- It is further fortified by the hope of eternal life we have in Christ.
  - “Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God...and rejoice in hope of the glory of God” (Romans 5:1).
  - “If I go and prepare a place for you...” (John 14:3).

# Features of This Peace

- It's a peace that stays with us, even in the midst of conflict, suffering, tribulation, etc.
  - “I did not come to bring peace, but a sword” (Matthew 10:34).
  - “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have **peace**. In the world you will have **tribulation**; but be of **good cheer**, I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

# Features of This Peace

- It even “multiplies” as we grow “in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord” (2 Peter 1:2).
  - “For those who live according to the flesh set their mind on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace” (Romans 8:5–6).
- James 3:13–4:4 (peace multiplies as we eat the fruit of “heavenly wisdom”).

# Features of This Peace

- It's so wonderful it “surpasses all understanding.”
  - “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ” (Philippians 4:6–7).

# Features of This Peace

- It brings together in one peaceful body souls from “every tribe and tongue and people and nation” (Revelation 5:9).
  - “that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross” (Ephesians 2:16).
  - What a great refuge from all the fighting and strife all around us.
  - “Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body” (Colossians 3:15).

# Features of This Peace

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“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God” (Matthew 5:9).
  - “Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace” (James 3:18).
  - In several passages, exhorted to pursue peace, live in peace, live peaceably with all men, be at peace, etc. (Romans 12:18; 14:19; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Ephesians 4:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:13; 2 Timothy 2:22; Hebrews 12:14).

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  - It’s when we preach the “gospel of peace” (Romans 10:15; Ephesians 6:15) that we truly become peacemakers, offering to others the very peace we have.
  - “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace...” (Romans 10:15).

“Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, ‘If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your **peace**! But now they are hidden from your eyes’” (Luke 19:42).

Note the words of Simeon in Luke 2:25–32

“You are letting your servant depart in peace” (v. 29).

Thanks be to God, we can do the same!  
We can face death with perfect peace.