

*Where's the Peace?*  
*Isaiah 9:1-7*

The history of humanity is a history of \_\_\_\_\_, not peace. Isaiah prophesied about God's ultimate solution to the darkness of war and the human tendency toward inhumanity. He envisions a future in which God's Messiah has come. God ends \_\_\_\_\_ and oppressive governments, does away with the trappings of war, and sends a \_\_\_\_\_ who will take the mantle of leadership over the nations. His people will call Him "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Only \_\_\_\_\_ can claim these titles. As Wonderful Counselor, Jesus gives us \_\_\_\_\_ that leads to a blessed and fruitful life. As Mighty God, Jesus is God in the \_\_\_\_\_ who demonstrated His divine power. As Everlasting Father, Jesus assured His disciples that if you have seen \_\_\_\_\_, you have seen the \_\_\_\_\_.

But the title, Prince of Peace, is perplexing. As Longfellow's poem says, "There is \_\_\_\_\_."

Jesus is still \_\_\_\_\_ as Prince of Peace, and there will be a day when war will be no more. But there is peace to be had now, an \_\_\_\_\_ peace. That peace is impossible if you haven't experienced the most important peace described in **Rom. 5:1**— "\_\_\_\_\_ through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Most people think, "I don't need to make peace with God. We aren't \_\_\_\_\_." The Bible says God is \_\_\_\_\_ and we are fundamentally \_\_\_\_\_ with God because we have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. For that reason, we are all God's enemies, the Bible says. It's a war we \_\_\_\_\_.

Peace with God by accepting Jesus as your Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace means that God, because of Jesus, forgives your sins and signs an \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ . Then and only then can you have \_\_\_\_\_ peace and will you experience the \_\_\_\_\_ peace of the new heaven and earth.