

Session #2 Prince of Peace

**Isaiah 9:6–7a (NLT)** <sup>6</sup> For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace.** <sup>7</sup> His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity.

**Luke 2:8–14 (NLT) *The Shepherds and Angels*** <sup>8</sup> That night there were shepherds staying in the <sup>13</sup> Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in highest heaven, and **peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.**”

**Luke 9:23–25 (NLT)** <sup>23</sup> Then he said to the crowd, “**If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.**” <sup>24</sup> If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. <sup>25</sup> And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?

**1. Because of Christ, The PATH OF PEACE IS REVEALED!**

**Luke 1:78–79 (NLT) (Part of *Zechariah’s Prophecy* Over the Unborn Jesus)**

<sup>78</sup> Because of God’s tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, <sup>79</sup> **to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace.**”

**2. Because of Christ, We May Have Peace IN HIM!**

**John 16:31–33 (NLT)** <sup>31</sup> Jesus asked, “**Do you finally believe?**” <sup>32</sup> But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when you will be scattered, each one going his own way, leaving me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> I have told you all this so that you **may have peace in me.** Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

**3. Because of Christ, WE CAN BE WHOLE!**

**Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)** <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; **the punishment that brought us peace was on him,** and by his wounds we are healed.

**Isaiah 53:5 (NLT)** <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. **He was beaten so we could be whole.** He was whipped so we could be healed.

**4. Because of Christ, We Can Know LOVE!**

**God’s Love To Us!**

**John 3:16 (NLT)** <sup>16</sup> “**For this is how God loved the world:** He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

**Romans 8:38–39 (NLT)** <sup>38</sup> And I am convinced that **nothing can ever separate us from God’s love.** Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not

even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. <sup>39</sup> No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Ephesians 3:16–19 (NLT)** <sup>16</sup> I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. <sup>17</sup> Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots **will grow down into God's love** and keep you strong. <sup>18</sup> And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. <sup>19</sup> May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. **Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.**

### **Love Flows From Us!**

**1 John 4:19 (NLT)** <sup>19</sup> We love each other because he loved us first.

**1 John 4:7–8 (NLT)** <sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> But anyone who does not love does not know **God, for God is love.**

**Galatians 5:22 (NLT)** <sup>22</sup> But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, .....

### **5. Because of Christ, We Can Know JOY!**

**John 15:9–11 (NLT)** <sup>9</sup> **"I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!**

### **6. Because of Christ, We Can Know HOPE!**

#### **Hope For This Life:**

**Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)** <sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you **hope** and a future.

**Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)** <sup>10</sup> For we are God's masterpiece. **He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.**

**John 10:10 (NLT)** <sup>10</sup> **The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.**

#### **Hope for eternity**

**Colossians 1:27 (NLT)** <sup>27</sup> For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory. (NASB95 the hope of glory).

### **1 Peter 1:3 (NLT) *The Hope of Eternal Life***

<sup>3</sup> All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, ((NIV) he has given us new birth into a living hope)

**Romans 8:18–25 (NLT) *The Future Glory*** <sup>18</sup> Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. <sup>19</sup> For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. <sup>20</sup> Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, <sup>21</sup> the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. <sup>22</sup> For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. <sup>24</sup> We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. <sup>25</sup> But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)

### **7. Because of Christ, We Can Know PEACE!**

**John 14:27 (NLT)** <sup>27</sup> "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

**Isaiah 26:3–4 (NLT)** <sup>3</sup> You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! <sup>4</sup> Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.

**Psalms 16:11 (NLT)** <sup>11</sup> You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

### **3 Power Verses For Summary**

**Galatians 5:22–23 (NLT)** <sup>22</sup> But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

**Romans 15:13 (NLT)** <sup>13</sup> I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Where is the real source of joy, peace, which causes hope? God is the source. These things come through Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Philippians 4:4–9 (NLT)** <sup>4</sup> Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

<sup>6</sup> Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. <sup>7</sup> Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. *(Hope)* <sup>9</sup> Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Prayer Thought:

Do you need more of these emotional gifts? They are promised. (Ask, study, recite the scriptures, welcome the Holy Spirit, get counsel, and hold fast to the promise!