Living Hope. Week 3 12/13/2020 "Peace that Prevails" FBCLA

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Introduction: "Peace prevails over the impasse"

- I. Peace is personally born in Jesus Christ (Isaiah 9:6)
 A. God gave us His Son to Govern His Kingdom with Peace (6a)

 ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
 and the government will be on his shoulders.
- B. God gave us His Son to Counsel and Strengthen with Peace (6b) 2. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- II. Peace shall Prevail by the Lord Almighty. (Isaiah 9:7)

 A. <u>A Great and Unending Peace</u>. (7a). ⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
- B. A just and righteous Kingdom reign. (7b) He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.
- C. God will accomplish this transformative peace for us (7c) *The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.*

<u>Conclusion</u>: Peace from God in Christ helps us overcome the trials, temptations, and tribulations of this life. The barriers of doubt, fear, pride, and sin may no longer be an impasse if we trust in Jesus the Prince of Peace.

Scripture Passage:

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Questions/Activities:

- 1. How does the peace of Christ help you to overcome the stress and feelings of isolation during the COVID pandemic?
- 2. Thinking back in your life, how can you see the hand of God at work to give you peace and help you overcome?
- 3. How did Jesus minister to people to help them overcome the impasse of sin, disease, loneliness, and rejection?
- 4. How can you share the peace of God with your friends, family, and neighbors safely here during this "COVID Christmas"?