

All In with Jordan Easley

Prince of Peace

And He Will Be Called| Part 2 | Isaiah 9:6

INTRODUCTION

Many years ago, a wealthy man contracted two artists to paint a picture that would capture the essence of peace. The first painted a serene landscape including a still lake, soft clouds, and gentle sunlight. It was calm and beautiful. The second painted a violent storm, with lightning and crashing waves, yet tucked into the rocks was a bird's nest with a mother bird sheltering her babies, unmoved by the chaos. The man chose the second painting and said, "True peace isn't the absence of trouble, but the presence of calm in the midst of the storm." In the 8th century B.C., Israel was in a storm. Enemies approached, people panicked, and fear consumed the land. In the midst of the chaos, God spoke through Isaiah, promising a solution to their greatest problem: a child, Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

KEY POINTS

1. True Peace Is Only Possible Through Jesus

When Isaiah declared that the Messiah would be called the Prince of Peace (Sar Shalom), he was revealing that true and lasting peace would only come through Jesus Christ. In Luke 2, we see this promise fulfilled when the angels announced, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people He favors.” Not everyone experiences this peace, only those who believe in and follow Jesus as Lord. True peace isn’t found in possessions, positions, or people. It’s not the absence of chaos, but the presence of Christ in the midst of it.

The Bible describes peace in three dimensions: peace with God (spiritual), peace with yourself (emotional), and peace with others (relational), and all of them begin with Jesus. As Isaiah 26:3 says, “You will keep the mind that is dependent on You in perfect peace, for it is trusting in You.” Perfect peace doesn’t come through production; it only comes through a Person, and His name is Jesus.

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2. Peace Is the Greatest Benefit of Knowing Jesus

In John 14:27, Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.” The peace Jesus gives is different from the world’s peace; it’s distinctive, prescriptive, and effective. Worldly peace is temporary and fleeting, but the peace Jesus offers is constant and personal, meeting us in every present need. He gives peace for every problem and rest for every weary soul. In Matthew 11:28-29, Jesus invites, “Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” That rest is peace, and it’s only possible through Him. Peace is the greatest benefit of knowing Jesus because it is His gift to those who trust Him completely. The world can’t give it, and it can’t take it away. When we surrender our lives to the Prince of Peace, He fills our hearts with the kind of peace that surpasses all understanding.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. How does Isaiah's promise of a coming Prince of Peace encourage you in the storms of life?
2. Why is Jesus the only true source of peace?
3. In what situation do you need to experience the peace of Jesus right now?
