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Series: Prince of Peace

Sermon Title: Embody Peace by Resting in the Prince of Peace

Scripture: [Isaiah 9:6](#); [1 Samuel 8](#); [Romans 5:8-10](#); [Isaiah 53:1-5](#); [John 16:33](#)

******(Pro Tip: click on the passages linked above to be taken to a page with all the passages in one location.)

Main Idea: Christians have the high privilege of embodying peace by resting in the Prince of Peace—Jesus Christ.

OUTLINE

- Peace, or *shalom*, may be described as being the supremely positive quality of being that is unconditionally positive; an ability to live in a manner that is unimpaired and un-threatened, where there is ease and security, complete happiness and wholeness in the broadest and most wonderful sense of the word!
1. God showed us love by giving His Son (Isa. 9:6a; Rom. 5:8-10; Isaiah 53:1-5).
 2. The Everlasting Father reveals Himself through the Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6b; John 16:33).

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. As you think about Thanksgiving or Christmas gathering with family (or friends), does that bring a sense of strife or peace to you? Discuss.
2. How have you previously understood the concept of peace?
3. Did you relate to the example of the Israelites wanting their own king in 1 Sam. 8? What are some ways you've shown that you want your own king?
4. What are some modern examples of how people seek peace outside of God's provision?
5. Have you seen yourself as God's enemy? What about people you talk with who don't know the Lord? Do they typically think they're God's enemy, or someone who "needs help to do right?"

6. How could you gently walk someone through the answer to this question using Romans 5:8?
7. In what ways can we practically embody the peace of Christ in our daily lives?
8. Discuss John 16:33, in particular where Jesus tells His disciples to "Take heart." What is the grounding motive for why we can take heart (also in 33)?
9. What are a couple ways you would do well to take heart in Christ?