

Review

- Ahaz and the coming destruction
- Looking into future Kingdoms
- The names reveal the trinity –One God in three Persons –doing work together –One in Essence – character --collaborating –working –supporting
- The Lord gives us a Son – a Son is given whobecause we need it –a lost world
- Wonderful – Counselor –Mighty God –Everlasting Father

Isaiah 9:1–6 (NIV) — **1** Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan— **2** The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. **3** You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. **4** For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. **5** Every warrior’s boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. **6** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.— **7** Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. 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. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Prince (Son of the King) of Peace

- This name points us towards the coming God-Man
- We Need a Peace Maker because we have no ability to have peace with God or others on our own (sinful nature has destroyed our compass)

Jesus is that Prince of peace –in what way?

Hebrews 1:3 (NIV) — **3** The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

1. Our means to peace with God is through Jesus alone

Colossians 1:15–23 (NIV) — **15** The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **16** For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. **17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. **19** For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. **21** Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. **22** But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—**23** if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

John 14:6 (NIV) – 6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

2. We have peace that comes from God

- The counselor has done wonders –created the world
- Given us wise counsel –how to live and what is going to happen
- He has fought for us and will destroy evil
- He is our Father –personal Father –Abba
- He has given us Jesus and His Family –peace relationally with God and others

John 14:25–27 (NIV) – 25 “All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 15:4–5 (NIV) Galatians 5:19–23 (NIV) Philipians 4:4–7 (NIV)

3. We are called on to spread peace for God to those around us

- The light of the world
- Because of the internal peace we possess we bring outer peace with us
- Reconcilers –peace with God and others

Matthew 5:9 (NIV) – 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
2 Corinthians 5:17–20 (NIV) – 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Matthew 5:14–16 (NIV) – 14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Small Group Discussion

Scriptures to consider

Isaiah 9:6 - Luke 2:8-14 - Matthew 5:9 - Psalm 29:11

Questions

1. What's the difference between a peacemaker and a peacekeeper?
2. What season of your life has been the most peaceful? What season has been the least peaceful?
3. Read together Psalm 34:14. How do you seek peace?
4. Share about a time when you’ve experienced peace in the midst of hard circumstances.
5. Have you ever experienced peace that surpasses understanding? What was that like?

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