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### There is a desperate need for peace. Hostilities are high.

- COVID irritation
- Political anger
- Racial tension
- General frustration



#### Jesus is the Prince of Peace.



- Our sin makes us enemies of God and subjects us to...
  - The penalties of sin
  - The schemes of the devil
  - The brokenness of creation
  - Death (spiritual and physical)



# Being enemies of God is the source of our lack of peace.



Romans 5:8,10 - ...while we were still sinners, Christ died for us...if while <u>we were enemies</u> we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.



Romans 5:1 - Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ.



Peace with God = Salvation

#### Luke 2:10-11

<sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a <u>Savior</u>, who is Christ the Lord.

# Being restored to God is the source of our peace.



### Jesus brings peace with God.

Our lives are transformed:

- Enemies Children
- Hostility  $\longrightarrow$  PEACE



# The Prince of Peace produces peace in us.

Jesus brings us inner, personal, surpassing peace.



#### Philippians 4:7

<sup>7</sup> And the <u>peace of God</u>, which <u>surpasses all</u> <u>understanding</u>, will <u>guard your hearts and your</u> <u>minds</u> in Christ Jesus.



#### **How Will He Guard?**

John 14:26-27 – But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.



#### **Regarding The Rule of Sin**

Romans 8:1-2 – There is therefore now <u>no</u> <u>condemnation</u> for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.



#### **Regarding The Enemy**

Romans 8:38-39 – For I am sure that neither death nor life, <u>nor angels</u> nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, <u>nor anything else in all creation</u>, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



#### **Regarding Our Broken World**

John 16:33 – I have said these things to you, that <u>in</u> <u>me you may have peace</u>. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; <u>I have overcome the</u> <u>world</u>.



#### **Regarding Eternal Death**

John 10:27-28 – My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> <u>I give them eternal life</u>, and they will never perish, and <u>no one will snatch</u> <u>them out of my hand</u>.



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- Significance in being children of God



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Hostility:

- Not getting our way (Security)
- Not being valued (Significance)

Peace:

- Security in God's provision
- Significance in being children of God
- Significance in being vessels of God's grace PRIN of F

# The Prince of Peace empowers us to bring this peace to others.

The Opportunities Are Almost Endless –

- When we are not getting our way
- When those around us are not getting their way
- When we are not being valued
- When those around us are not being valued



#### 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

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#### The Prince of Peace is unstoppable.



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### The Prince of Peace is unstoppable.

- His peace will continue to build
- His peace will one day completely saturate all of creation
- His peace will never come to an end



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#### Takeaways:

- Read Isaiah 9:1-7.
- Ponder the Savior who is the Prince of Peace.
- Share the impact of His peace specifically with someone.
- Have a Merry Christmas!

