

Isaiah 9:6-7 says, "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of **Peace**. There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of **peace**, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this."

I am struck by the mention of PEACE two times.

The promised Messiah would be CALLED Prince of **peace** AND there would be NO END to His **peace** !

It seems that Jesus came to bring **peace**.

Luk 2:14 says, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace** among men with whom He is pleased."

That is confirmed by the revelation of the Gospel of **peace** in **Rom 5:1** where we read, "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

There is no greater gift than **peace** with God.

With sins forgiven and eternal life, we have real true **peace** at last !

Then why did Jesus say two times, **Mat 10:34** "Do not think that I came to bring **peace** on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword." and **Luk 12:51** "Do you suppose that I came to grant **peace** on earth ? I tell you, no, but rather division."

That's because the world does not want His **peace**.

They reject the conditions for **peace** which are repentance from sin and submission to the Lord.

How foolish mankind can be !

How blessed are those who trust Jesus.

How great is that peace we have received from Him !

[sing "Peace, perfect peace !"]

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