

November 29 - Prince of Peace

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Isaiah 9:6–7 "For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named, 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, **Prince of Peace**.' The dominion will be vast, and its prosperity will never end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from now on and forever. The zeal of the Lord of Armies will accomplish this."

"Peace" is a very common word in English, that means different things to different people.

- The most basic meaning of Shalom is complete or whole.
- Shalom can also relate to a person's well-being.

True peace takes what is broken and restores it to wholeness - whether that's in our lives, our relationships, or in our world.

We anticipate the birth of a Prince of Peace who will heal all that has been broken and restore to wholeness all relationships.

- A. Trust the Lord God who plans the future for the world (vv. 1-5).
- B. Celebrate the Lord Jesus who restores to wholeness broken relationships (vs. 6).
- C. Wait on the Lord God keeps his promises to us (vs. 7).

Christmas Peace anticipates God's plans and promises to restore wholeness to all that is broken in this world.