The Prince of Peace

John 14:27; 16:33

I. Introduction

A.

B. JOHN: 1:1-18 The SAVIOR; 1:19 – Ch 12 His SALVATION; Ch.13-17 The SANCTIFIED LIFE.

C. A KEY Word to describe the Sanctified Life is PEACE. (first occurrence v. 14:27)

   PEACE is found in Jesus Christ, alone. It is given by Him. It is sourced in Him. The great possessions of the Christian life include: Life (eternal and abundant), Light (truth) and PEACE.

   PEACE ought to be exhibited in every area of our lives; but we must “let the peace of Christ rule,” that is, guide our thinking and decisions.

II. The Prince of Peace – In Isaiah 9:6 the title “is climatic and emphatic” Young

A. PEACE; its meaning:

1. *shalom* in Hebrew; *eirene’* in Greek.

   When you think of peace what words come to mind?

   When the Bible speaks of peace the following words are included:

2. PEACE: All of these are present in 14:27 and 16:33; Often a greeting but so much more.

   *Exodus 18:7; Isaiah 38:17: WELL-BEING, HEALTH, SOUNDNESS, CONTENTMENT*

   *Jeremiah 14:13: PROSPERITY, BLESSING*

   *Isaiah 32:17: SERENITY, ASSURANCE, QUIETNESS, REST*

   *Jeremiah 12:5; Leviticus 26:6: PHYSICAL SAFETY, SECURITY*

   *Isaiah 9:6,7: CESSATION OF WAR, LIBERATION FROM BONDAGE, STABILITY*

   *Ephesians 2:15: CESSATION OF HOSTILITY AND ALIENATION, ACCEPTANCE, RESTORATION, RECONCILIATION*

   *Romans 5:1, 10: REMOVAL OF JUDGMENT AND CONDEMnation AND GUILT*

   *Philippians 4:6,7: ABSENCE OF FEAR, WORRY, ANXIETY*

   *1 Corinthians 14:33: ORDERLY, OPPOSITE OF DISORDER*
Ephesians 4:3: HARMONY, UNITY AND CONCORD

B. PEACE, NOT as the world gives: John 14:27

1. The World's peace is TEMPORARY . Dependent on changing circumstances.

2. The World's peace is COUNTERFEIT . It is NOT real. Jer. 6:9-15; 8:8-12
   “Peace, peace; when there is NO PEACE ” (cf. Jer. 23:17)

3. The World's peace is NO PEACE !! Isaiah 48:22; 57:21
   “There is NO PEACE , for the wicked” i.e., those who reject God and His Word
   What is the perception?
   The Sun does not always shine; Storms will come.

C. PEACE, As ONLY Jesus can give.

1. Vertical PEACE: Romans 5:1, 10 (Peace with God)

2. Inward PEACE: Phil. 4:6,7 (Peace of God); Colossians 3:15 “the Peace of Christ”
   * “Rule” Only NT occurrence; used for an umpire in an athletic event.
   * “Rule” Let the peace of Christ; Make the determination, guide the decision

3. Horizontal PEACE: Eph. 4:3; Romans 12:18

III. Implications

A. The KEY word describing the sanctified life

B. PEACE is found in Jesus Christ, ALONE. It is given by Him; it is sourced in Him.

C. Are YOU “letting” the peace of Christ rule in your life? It is the Great blessing Jesus Christ came to give. Don't miss out on the blessing.