

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.