

Open Our Eyes to the Prince of Peace  
Isa 9.6 and Luke 2.14

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"*

**The Point:** Man's peace is finite and corruptible; God's peace is perfect and eternal.

**The Question:** Who are the "with whom he is pleased."

## Two Descriptions

Child  
Son

## Five Titles

Wonderful  
Counselor  
Mighty God  
Everlasting Father  
Prince of Peace

**Man's peace does not meet the test**

**God's peace is everlasting.**

**His peace is free, and it costs everything.**

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Thursday night was the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas. Two centuries ago, it marked the end of the Christmas season. Friday was the Epiphany when many churches remember the Magi's journey to worship Jesus and give him their gifts. The idea of Epiphany is the revelation of Jesus as the promised Savior; the Magi's eyes opened to the Prince of Peace. So let us let's reopen our eyes and look at the Prince of Peace.

Looking back to the prophecy the Holy Spirit gave Isaiah (9.6), we see two descriptions of this future Messiah and ruler and five titles that provide an understanding of his identity and mission.

First, he is a human child, a physical, breathing child—one of us. Second, he is a son, an heir that will govern the kingdom—given to us. He will carry the kingdom on his shoulders. I see a cross in this vision, the weight of the world's sins on his shoulders.

His name is five titles

Wonderful—Describes his miraculous birth

Counselor—He and the Holy Spirit are one

Mighty God—not mighty among gods, but LORD God

Prince of Peace—His life and lordship will bring us peace.

When the angel announced his birth and the angelic army sang, they proclaimed peace. But, unfortunately, many have misunderstood this peace. They think Christianity; our influence will bring worldwide peace. But, no, our presence, actions, and teachings point to the one who will bring perfect peace. He is our peace!

Any peace made by humanity will break down because of sin: greed, pride, coveting, and avarice. Many called World War I "the war to end all war." Afterward, governments established the League of Nations to keep the peace among nations. The United Nations hoped the same after WW II. At the second coming on that day of judgment, God will wipe away the old creation God will make a new home for humans and angels. Then we will have eternal peace. How? The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. Isa 9.7