

The Best Christmas Present Ever

Isaiah 9:1-7

Our Need for Wholeness

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Isaiah 9:6

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Because we didn't know how, God gave us a Wonderful Counselor

Because we didn't have the ability, God gave us a Mighty God

Because we needed to feel secure, God gave us an Everlasting Father.

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Because we are fractured, God gave us a Prince of Peace.

Prince = Administrator

Peace – Shalom: wholeness

Common sources of conflict:

- 1. Intrinsic Self-centeredness**
- 2. Unrealistic Expectations**

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The Prince of Peace administers...

1. Peace with God

- a. Our natural condition – Isaiah 53:6**
- b. Our normal tendency – Gal. 5:19-21**
- c. Our necessary provision – 2 Cor. 5:19**

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2. Peace in circumstances (of God)

a. Panic, Pressure, Worry – Isaiah 26:3

b. Prayer, Patience, Worship – Phil. 4:6-7

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The Prince of Peace administers...

3. Peace with others

a. Making relationships priority

b. Making forgiveness essential