

**Isaiah 9:6-7** says, "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this."

I am struck by the mention of PEACE two times.

The promised Messiah would be CALLED Prince of peace AND there would be NO END to His peace !

It seems that Jesus came to bring peace.

**Luk 2:14** says, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

That is confirmed by the revelation of the Gospel of peace in **Rom 5:1** where we read, "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

There is no greater gift than peace with God.

With sins forgiven and eternal life, we have real true peace at last !

Then why did Jesus say two times, **Mat 10:34** "Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword." and **Luk 12:51** "Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth ? I tell you, no, but rather division."

That's because the world does not want His peace.

They reject the conditions for peace which are repentance from sin and submission to the Lord.

How foolish mankind can be !

How blessed are those who trust Jesus.

How great is that peace we have received from Him !

[sing "Peace, perfect peace !"]

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