



## Jesus is...Prince of Peace

*Isaiah 9:6*

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called...Prince of Peace.*

Are you ready for the frenzy? By now, we all know that it's coming. Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and that means turkeys to carve, tables to set, guestrooms to prepare—the list seems endless. And when it's all said and done, what is waiting for us but...Christmas! And that means presents to buy, trees to trim, cookies to decorate—that list is even longer than Thanksgiving's! It kind of makes us long for when it's all over, doesn't it? For a time when we can finally sit back, relax, and say, "Peace, at last!"

Peace. That is a concept the Bible talks about too. Only when the Bible talks about peace, it is referring to something far greater than a little bit of rest and relaxation after a frantic holiday season. It is referring to peace with God.

So do you have it? Do you have peace with God? Or perhaps a better question is this: Is it even possible for unholy, imperfect, sinful people like we are to have peace with a holy, perfect, and sinless God? After all, God himself demands in his word that, if we are to have peace with him, we must be holy and perfect just like he is. So is peace with God even possible?

It sure is. And not because we are somehow going to become holy and perfect on our own. It is because we have one who has been holy and perfect in our place. His name is Jesus, the one the prophet Isaiah so aptly calls the "Prince of Peace." Through his perfect life and innocent death, Jesus removed all of our sins and gave us his perfection. In doing so, the Prince of Peace has given us exactly what our holy and perfect God demands of us. Through faith, we now have peace with God as our personal possession forever.

Perhaps you are looking forward to the peace you will experience after the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is all over. As you do, never forget about the peace that the Prince of Peace brought you. Jesus brought you peace with God. And that peace will last forever.