

Prince of Peace

Who Do You Say I Am? #8
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*For a child is born to us, a son is given to us.
The government will rest on his shoulders.
And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His government and its peace will never end.*

Isaiah 9:6-7a (NLT)

Jesus' desire is for me to have peace.

*"...to shine on those living in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the path of peace." Luke 1:79 (NIV)*

*You know the message God sent to the people of Israel,
announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ,
who is Lord of all. Acts 10:36 (NIV)*

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have
peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I
have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NIV)*

To have peace, Jesus says I must recognize peace.

*As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over
it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day
what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your
eyes. Luke 19:41-42 (NIV)*

*But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in
your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and
lying. For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of
wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and
demonic. For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition,
there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.*

James 3:14-16 (NLT)

My focus determines my peace.

*So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't
be doing what your sinful nature craves. The sinful nature
wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit
wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite
of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are
constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry
out your good intentions... When you follow the desires of
your sinful nature, the results are very clear: ... quarreling,
jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension,
division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like
these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone
living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.
But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives:
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these
things! Galatians 5:16-23 (NLT)*

The Holy Spirit focuses me on Jesus' desires.

Do I want to be focused?
