OUR PRINCE OF PEACE

Let Me Introduce You to Jesus

"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."

Isaiah 9:6 (NASV)

Today we will look at Jesus as being "Our Prince of Peace".

"And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom."

Matthew 24:6-7 (NKJV)

Let's look at two basic areas that Jesus brings peace into our lives:

1. JESUS BRINGS PEACE BETWEEN ME AND GOD.

It is not possible to have the Peace OF God without Peace WITH God.

The Bible says that we deserve punishment for our sin. In the Bible we are told that "God will not leave the guilty unpunished." (Exodus 34:7) In fact, the Bible often refers to us in our lost and sinful condition, as the "enemies of God" (Romans 5:10). Our sin separates us from God. Before we can have peace with God – something must be done about the sin in our lives.

Guess what – something has been done!

God sent a Prince of Peace to deal with the situation. He sent a Prince of Peace to fix the problem. He sent a Prince of Peace to give us peace with God. How did He do that?

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in

Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23 (HCSB)

God does not IGNORE sin. He never has and He never will.

"He sacrificed Himself once and for all, summing up all the other sacrifices in this sacrifice of Himself, the final solution of sin."

Hebrews 9:26 (MSG)

2. JESUS BRINGS PEACE WITHIN MYSELF.

"Look at the birds of the sky: they don't sow or reap or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth more than they?"

Matthew 6:26 (HCSB)

"But even the hairs of your head have all been counted. Don't be afraid therefore; you are worth more than many sparrows."

Matthew 10:30-31 (HCSB)

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the One who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

1 Peter 2:9-10 (HCSB)