



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
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace.**"*

"Can I just get some peace around here?" Do you ever hear yourself saying that? We all just need a little peace in our lives and in this world. And we need it now. Especially in 2020!

Consider the definition of peace: a state of tranquility, quiet, absence of conflict, harmony between people, freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions. We cry out "Oh Lord, just give me some peace!" Well, God answered our cry by giving us His Son, Jesus. As we celebrate Christmas, we can remember that "For to us" is the Prince of Peace.

Jesus came to bring us peace with God -

*Romans 5:1 "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,"*

Jesus came to give us peace in this world -

John 16:33

*"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."*

Jesus came to give us peace rather than worry and anxiety-

Philippians 4:6-7

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

We can have perfect peace when we keep our minds fixed on the Prince of Peace. We can have peace when we take our troubles and worry to Him in prayer. And when we respond to



God with gratitude, He promises we will have peace. I have found that if peace is lacking in my frazzled life, my mind may not be focused on God, I may not be praying continually about all things, and I may not have an attitude of gratitude because peace **is** available in Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Merry Christmas and blessings for a peace-filled 2021!

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Isaiah 26:3

***“You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you,
all whose thoughts are fixed on you!”***

John 14:27

***“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”***

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