

A GIFT FOR HARD TIMES:

PRINCE OF PEACE

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.

(ISAIAH 9:6 NIV)

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.

(JOHN 14:27 NIV)

OF THE INCREASE OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND PEACE THERE WILL BE NO END...

(ISAIAH 9:7A NIV)

"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE TO MEN ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS."

IF I HAVE THE PRINCE OF PEACE, WHY DON'T I FEEL PEACEFUL?

1. WRONG _____ OF PEACE.

OF THE INCREASE OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND PEACE THERE WILL BE NO END. HE WILL REIGN ON DAVID'S THRONE AND OVER HIS KINGDOM, ESTABLISHING AND UPHOLDING IT WITH JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM THAT TIME ON AND FOREVER. THE ZEAL OF THE LORD ALMIGHTY WILL ACCOMPLISH THIS.

(ISAIAH 9:7 NIV)

THE WOLF WILL LIVE WITH THE LAMB, THE LEOPARD WILL LIE DOWN WITH THE GOAT, THE CALF AND THE LION AND THE YEARLING TOGETHER; AND A LITTLE CHILD WILL LEAD THEM. THE COW WILL FEED WITH THE BEAR, THEIR YOUNG WILL LIE DOWN TOGETHER, AND THE LION WILL EAT STRAW LIKE THE OX. THE INFANT WILL PLAY NEAR THE HOLE OF THE COBRA, AND THE YOUNG CHILD PUT HIS HAND INTO THE VIPER'S NEST.

(ISAIAH 11:6-8 NIV)

2. WE LACK SHALOM WITH _____.

TO ADAM HE SAID, "BECAUSE YOU LISTENED TO YOUR WIFE AND ATE FROM THE TREE ABOUT WHICH I COMMANDED YOU, 'YOU MUST NOT EAT OF IT,' "CURSED IS THE GROUND BECAUSE OF YOU; THROUGH PAINFUL TOIL YOU WILL EAT OF IT ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE. IT WILL PRODUCE THORNS AND THISTLES FOR YOU, AND YOU WILL EAT THE PLANTS OF THE FIELD. BY THE SWEAT OF YOUR BROW YOU WILL EAT YOUR FOOD UNTIL YOU RETURN TO THE GROUND, SINCE FROM IT YOU WERE TAKEN; FOR DUST YOU ARE AND TO DUST YOU WILL RETURN."

(GENESIS 3:17-19 NIV)

AGAINST ITS WILL, ALL CREATION WAS SUBJECTED TO GOD'S CURSE. BUT WITH EAGER HOPE, THE CREATION LOOKS FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN IT WILL JOIN GOD'S CHILDREN IN GLORIOUS FREEDOM FROM DEATH AND DECAY.
(ROMANS 8:20 NLT)

3. WE LACK SHALOM WITH _____.

4. WE LACK SHALOM WITH OUR _____.

THE TWO KINDS OF PEACE WE CAN HAVE:

- SHALOM _____ GOD.

THIS IS THE MESSAGE OF GOOD NEWS FOR THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL—THAT THERE IS PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, WHO IS LORD OF ALL.
(ACTS 10:36 NLT)

- SHALOM _____ GOD.

DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING, BY PRAYER AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING, PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD. AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH TRANSCENDS ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.
(PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 NIV)

THOSE WHO LOVE YOUR INSTRUCTIONS HAVE GREAT PEACE AND DO NOT STUMBLE. I LONG FOR YOUR RESCUE, LORD, SO I HAVE OBEYED YOUR COMMANDS.
(PSALMS 119:165-166 NLT)

APPLICATION:

- _____ HIS _____

THOSE WHO LOVE THY LAW HAVE GREAT PEACE, AND NOTHING CAUSES THEM TO STUMBLE.
(PSALMS 119:165)

THE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL BE PEACE; THE EFFECT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL BE QUIETNESS AND CONFIDENCE FOREVER. (ISAIAH 32:17)

HOW BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO FINDS WISDOM, AND THE MAN WHO GAINS UNDERSTANDING... HER [WISDOM'S] WAYS ARE PLEASANT WAYS, AND ALL HER PATHS ARE PEACE
(PROVERBS 3:13,17)

- _____ **IN YOUR** _____ **WITH JESUS.**

*MAY GOD GIVE YOU MORE AND MORE GRACE AND PEACE AS YOU GROW IN YOUR
KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND JESUS OUR LORD.*

(2 PETER 1:2 NLT)

*GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE TO MEN ON WHOM GOD'S
FAVOR RESTS"*

(LUKE 2:14 (NIV).