

Christmas 2020 Series
Week 4 outline
12.20.20
Isaiah 9:1-7

A NEW KING IN TOWN

Prince of Peace: A King who Restores

I. A New King in Town...

A. King Jesus our **Wonderful Counselor** (vs 2 & 3)

- A King who directs His people, whose work brings HOPE, whom we follow

B. King Jesus: our **Mighty God** (vs 4)

- A King who conquers death, whose work brings LOVE, in whom we can find refuge and protection

C. King Jesus: our **Everlasting Father** (vs 7)

- A King who reigns forever, whose work brings JOY, in whom we trust

II. Our Prince of Peace: A King Who Restores Order

A. This World: (vs 1)

1. A world in gloom and distress, attempting to find or create peace

2. We think "peace" means *absence*

-absence of noise: "if only I had some peace and quiet"

-absence of hardship: "if only I had it better"

-absence of conflict: "if only I had it easier"

B. His Work of PEACE (vs 5-7a)

GOD'S GREATER PLAN FOR PEACE: **SHALOM**

Well, sound, whole, complete; all things working together in perfect harmony for good

1. His coming was necessary (John 1:9-14)

THE NEW LIFE THAT WE ALL HAVE ACCESS TO IS ONLY POSSIBLE
THROUGH THE DEATH JESUS DIED, ONCE AND FOR ALL

2. His cost was great (Philippians 2:6-8)

THE GRACE RECEIVED THROUGH CHRIST
IS COMPLETELY FREE BUT INCREDIBLY COSTLY.

3. His cause was peace (Ephesians 2:13-16)

WE WHO WERE ONCE FAR AWAY FROM GOD
HAVE BEEN BROUGHT NEAR BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.
THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREATEST PEACE THAT MATTERS.

III. Our Worship in Rest: Walking in a life that rests in God's peace (Mt 11:28-30)

KING JESUS IS OUR PEACE IN WHOM WE REST

A. The Promise of Peace

Who can receive the promise of peace?

1. Everyone (Romans 10:13)
2. In Christ (Romans 5:1-4)

Peace is received and experienced in our lives through the person of JESUS

B. The Practice of Peace

What can we do to practice peace?

1. Sabbath Rest (Mark 2:27)

Peace is practiced in our lives through the discipline of SABBATH REST

C. The Power of Peace

Where can we experience the power of peace?

1. The Holy Spirit (John 14:26-27)

Peace is powered in our lives by the presence of the HOLY SPIRIT

D. The Proclamation of Peace...

How do we proclaim peace?

1. Rejoicing (Philippians 4:4-7)

Peace is proclaimed in our lives through the practice of REJOICING

2. The Ingredients of Rejoicing:

a. Joy

Fruit of the spirit that grows from a healthy spiritual life

Rejoicing is joy in motion; it's joy activated out of the noun form to a verb

IF OBEDIENCE IS THE LANGUAGE OF FAITH, THEN REJOICING IS HER SONG

b. Gratitude

A feeling (thankfulness) that illuminates our provision

Points us past the provision and to the provider

Gratitude is an emotion, but rejoicing is an active decision

SO REJOICE! IT'S THE GIFT OF JOY
AND THE FEELING OF GRATITUDE
EXPRESSED IN A RESPONSE OF WORSHIP

THERE'S A NEW KING IN TOWN:
A KING WHO IS OUR WONDERFUL COUNSELOR,
OUR MIGHTY GOD,
OUR EVERLASTING FATHER,
OUR PRINCE OF PEACE.