



Everlasting Father & Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:1, 6
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Isaiah 9:1, 6, "1 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress...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." (NIV)

■ Jesus is the Everlasting Father.

Psalms 29:10, "...the LORD is enthroned as King forever." (NIV)

Psalms 48:14, "For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end." (NIV)

Psalms 139:7-10, "7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. 9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, 10 even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." (NIV)

This name of Christmas means that God is All-Present...

For some people, looking at God through the lens of earthly fathers means that God is angry or absent, but he is not.

Psalms 103:8, "The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love." (NIV)

Hebrews 13:5, "...Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (NIV)

...and God's Presence for my life is Dependable.

Galatians 4:4-6, "4 But when the right time came, God sent his Son into the world. A woman gave birth to him, and he came under the control of God's laws. 5 God sent him to pay for the freedom of those who were controlled by these laws so that we would be adopted as his children. 6 Because you are God's children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into us to call out, 'Abba! Father!'" (GW)

Questions:

Am I living with an accurate understanding of who God is as Father?

Am I adopted? Is God my Father?

Am I daily growing in my relationship with God the Father?

■ Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

Psalms 119:68, "You are good, and what you do is good..." (NIV)

Psalms 106:1, "Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." (NIV)

This name of Christmas means that God is All-Good...

■ God gives relational peace.

Luke 2:13-14, "13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.'" (NIV)

■ God gives personal peace.

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." (NIV)

■ God gives spiritual peace.

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

...and God's Peace for my life is Obtainable.

Questions:

Am I at peace with God?

Am I at peace with myself?

Am I at peace with others?