Names of Christ: Reflection on Christmas

Prince of Peace

Celebrated the Birth in the season that has the shortest days/ darkest nights. led by the Star, the Wise Men met the newborn King.

Isaiah 9: 6-7 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice.

Prince of Peace: Old testament peace or ‘*shalom*’ is to be complete or whole such as a stone that has a perfect whole shape or a stone wall that has no gaps and no missing bricks. *Shalom* speaks of restoring relationship with your neighbor or enemy.

John 14: 26 – 27 Source of peace is the Holy Spirit. Peace is a personal matter. Life is complex, easily out of alignment. Life needs to be restored and reconciled.

‘*Eirene*’ Greek meaning “unity, accord, alignment”; Paul uses ‘*eirene’* to describe the objective of the New Testament church. Peace is “the spiritual harmony brought about by an individual’s reconciliation and restoration with God.”

4 Dimensions of His Peace

1. His peace reconciles us. We were enemies of God (Sin) Romans 5: 8-10, 1 We seek peace between us and our Creator John 10:27- 28

2. His peace guides us. Mediator of peace within us John 16:7, 13

3. His peace transforms us. A new way of living manifested by how we treat each other. Galatians 5:22–23

4. His Peace unites us: Live with one purpose. We cannot live divided. This is never easy, but it is required. Ephesians 4: 2 – 5, Ephesians 2: 14 -15

Just Ask: Philippians 4: 6 – 7, Colossians 1:19-20