

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Isaiah 9:6,7

“⁶For unto us Child is born, unto us Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace**. ⁷Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of The **LORD** of hosts will perform this” (Isa. 9:6,7).

The Translation of The Septuagint Rendering of The Old Testament

“⁶Since unto-us Educable-Child [aor. pass.]was-being-beggotten, unto-us Son [aor. pass.]was-given: the principality of-Whom became upon the shoulder of-His: and the name of-His is-being-called Messenger of-Great Counsel, for I-shall-bring peace upon the rulers^[magistrates] and health to-Him. ⁷The principality of-His great!^[nom.of.excl.] and to-the Peace of-His there-is no limit; upon the throne of-David and The Kingdom of-His, to-set-straight and to-establish ^[loc. &v]in-judgment and ^[loc. &v]in-righteousness from the now even /forever. The zeal of-The **LORD** of-Hosts shall-do this” (Isa.9:6,7LXXAPT).

Part 7

Introduction:

We have been studying the first of six aspects about The Lord Jesus Christ as **The Prince of Peace**, one of the nearly five hundred names, titles, and offices found in Scripture which designate Him. We noted details of creation and the early lives of the first man and woman who experienced the loss of perfect peace with The Triune Godhead in The Garden of Eden without Sin in perfect fellowship with Them until they disobeyed The God’s only commandment. This disobedience in partaking of the forbidden fruit brought immediate, painful separation. That perfect peace and fellowship between The LORD God, The Creator and themselves since creation through all the ages was radically disturbed and ended at once. This resulted in persistent enmity between The God and all humans and Satan. The consequences brought the curse of sin and death upon the serpent, the woman, the ground, and every human offspring. But The God promised a means of Salvation for every human through the woman’s seed (later identified also as The Seed of Abraham in Rom. 4:16, then as The Christ in New Testament Scripture) Who shall bruise Satan’s head and he, Satan shall bruise The Seed’s heel (Gen. 3:14-19).

We highlighted the process of the fulfillment of that promise concerning the seed of the woman through Abraham and ultimately to The Seed of the woman, Mary, to produce Perfect Peace for all mankind. But because of repeated disobedience by the nation of Israel and her people for many years, Israel has suffered repeated wars, oppression, bondage to other nations, and a constant battle ground of aggression and the granting of concessions to her enemies. Eventually The Prince of Peace came to provide a permanent, intimate relationship in close fellowship for and with obedient, trusting humans, who appropriate and identify with the shedding of His own blood sacrifice receive redemption, and wear the Garments of Salvation that He provided.

We also noted that there are six facts to be considered concerning The Prince of Peace: **I. What is Peace; II. Who The Prince of Peace Is; III. What He Came To Do; IV. When He Came; V. Where He Now Is; VI. When He Comes Again.** In the last six lessons we completed the first fact and four aspects of the second fact concerning this wonderful Peace. Recently we have been considering **II. Who The Prince of Peace Is** depicting **The Lord Jesus Christ as:**

A. The Person of Peace; B. The Possessor of Peace; C. The

Personification of Peace; and D. The Producer of Peace. We noted:

1. The Two Elements Required to Produce Peace:

a. **He Must Provide for Complete Reconciliation of All Things.**

- (1) The first requirement is to accomplish Redemption and Forgiveness of sins is to shed His sinless blood on The Cross to provide the ransom-price for release to complete **Redemption and Forgiveness of sins**, thus providing complete Reconciliation and through Reconciliation make Peace available for all humans.
- (2) Secondly, to produce Peace He must satisfy the righteous demands of The God by bearing the judgment upon Sin in His body on the cross.
- (3) Thirdly, producing Peace demanded consummation of the transaction through resurrection-ascension by applying His Shed-blood on The Mercyseat as payment for ransom has a three-fold purpose: (1) to save from anger, (2) to justify obedient trusting enemies, and (3) to cleanse and clear the conscience. All were perfectly fulfilled.

Thus all three requirements obligatory to accomplish complete reconciliation stand perfectly satisfied by The Lord Jesus Christ. a Peace has been produced and made available for all humans.

b. **Also He Must Provide Justification and Peace for All Peoples by Negating the Enmity on Two Fronts.**

- (1) The First Front on which The Lord Jesus Christ Negated the Enmity Vertically Is Between All Humans and The Godhead;
- (2) The Second Front on which The Lord Jesus Christ Negated the Enmity Horizontally Is Between Jews and Gentiles.
 - (A) Three Reasons for this Enmity Horizontally are: (1) Gentiles are morally corrupt in senseless idolatry in their gross-stupid-errors (failings to stand upright when should), in their sins (deliberate violation of God's Law, and in their passionate lusts and cravings). (2) Gentiles are regarded as Uncircumcision by the Jews. Both Gentiles and Jews are children of anger. (3) Gentiles before regeneration are far removed from Israelites (Israelis) in five ways: (a) continual ignorance of The Christ; (b) continual existence in alienation from citizenship to Israel; (c) continually strangers to three of the seven covenants of the promise to Israel: the Abrahamic, Mosaic, and Davidic Covenants; (d) continual hopelessness; and (e) continually without The God in the world and unrighteous, even though they are religious and worship a god but not The God.

Therefore both Jews (near) and heathen (afar off) were at enmity with each other and with The God. There existed a 'middle wall of partition' between them that must be abolished.

- (B) The Lord Jesus Christ Consummated Four Accomplishments in order to Eliminate This Enmity that existed horizontally between Jews (Israelites) and Gentiles (heathen):
 - (1) The Prince of Peace brought the middle wall of partition, which separated Israelites and Gentiles, to destruction(Eph. 2:15a,b);
 - (2) The Prince of Peace Created the two enemies into union with Himself resulting in one new kind of human (Eph. 2:15c);
 - (3) The Prince of Peace completely reconciled both Jews and Gentiles to The God in One Body by means of the cross (Eph.2:16a);
 - (4) The Prince of Peace eliminated^[killed] the enmity between Jews and Gentiles by means of the cross (Eph. 2:16b).

2. The Seven Conditions that Are Required and Must be Met to Personally Appropriate Peace (2 Cor.4:3,4; Rom. 6:12,13; Jn. 3:16-18,36; Acts 16:30,31).

- a. Recognize the Spiritual War between all humans under Satan's Power and The Godhead and Realize the Dreadful Eternal Consequences of

this Enmity;

- b. Realize that Provision for Peace **Has Been Made Available** to All Humans and that You **Personally Need to obtain** This Peace;
- c. Reason the **Consequences of Refusing to Meet the Conditions** that must be fulfilled in order to obtain This Peace;
- d. Resolve to Cease Being The God's Enemy and Accept all these Conditions to obtain This Peace;
- e. Repent of Your Sins and Turn Your Back on the Way You've Been Going in order to Go The God's Way;
- f. Rely with Personal, Persistent, Total Committed Trust upon The Lord Jesus Christ and depend upon The Holy Spirit to enable you to fulfill all the required conditions for Peace. and
- g. Replace Satan and Sin as your Master with The Lord Jesus Christ and Righteousness as your Master! **Resign your all** to Him, and **Persistently Follow Him** as His Faithful Disciple!

Then make the exchange that The Lord Jesus Christ indicated was absolutely necessary in addition to taking up one's cross for one to follow Him. Replace the old masters, Sin and Disobedience, ultimately Satan, with Obedience and Righteousness, ultimately The Father, God and Jesus Christ as new Masters. Take on His yoke of discipleship, be discipled, and make disciples.

Now we shall consider the next aspect of Who The Prince of Peace Is.

E. The Fifth Fact: The Procurer of Peace

Having produced Peace with The Godhead and at that same time abolished enmity between Jews and Gentiles and provided union into One Body. It was absolutely necessary for Him to become the Procurer of Peace. According to Webster's New International Dictionary, 1925 Edition containing 2373 pages of words and Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, 1981, an abridged edition, we can get an understanding of the use of the noun "procurer." From these two dictionaries the following meanings have been gleaned. The verb "procure" has been used in both favorable and derogatory ways. Of course this study calls for understanding that as used Scripturally, the favorable use is applied. Thus a procurer has several functions: he is "one who procures or gets possession of; obtains by means of purchase; brings about or achieves, and then manages and cares for or looks after what he achieves." In this study what has been procured is persistent, prevailing, Perfect Peace that surpasses all comprehension resulting in Forgiveness of sins, Redemption, Reconciliation, Regeneration, Salvation, Propitiation, Imputation, Justification, Sanctification, and union with the Triune Godhead.

There are four aspects regarding The Lord Jesus Christ in His ministry of Prince of Peace as Procurer of Perfect Peace, which we shall consider in logical order: Firstly, **He had been In Possession of Perfect Peace with The Father and The Holy Spirit**; Secondly, **He Obtained Peace by Means of Purchase**; Thirdly, **He Brought about or Achieved Peace for All Humans and All Things**; and then Fourthly, **He Manages, Cares for or Looks after The Peace that He Achieved** (Mt. 2:14; Eph. 2:14-17; 6:15,23; Jn. 14:27; Acts 10:36; Eph. 2:14-17; 6:15,23; Rom. 5:1;10:15; Col. 1:14,19-23; 3:15; Heb. 9:11,12; 13:20,21; 1 Pet. 1:18,19; Gal. 5:22; 6:16; Phil. 4:7,9; 1 Thes. 5:23; 2 Thes. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:2).

1. **In Possession of Perfect Peace with The Father and The Holy Spirit** (Lk. 2:8,13,14; Mt. 2:14; Jn. 14:27; Acts 10:36).

In Eternity past and through all time until Tebét (Dec.-Jan.) 4 B.C. The Lord Jesus Christ experienced **Perfect Peace with The Father and The Holy Spirit**. Then He was born and continued in This Perfect Peace

relationship although living on Earth in a human body. At that time He was laid in a manger or feed trough in the shed of Bethlehem's Inn. At the time of His birth an angel with a Heavenly Host announced His birth to the shepherds camping nearby with their sheep. (Lk.2:8,13,14).

“⁸And shepherds were-continuing ^[locative εἰς]in-the same /region camping-in-the-field^[make field a courtyard or sheepfold] and also guardedly-protecting ^[objective genitive]over-the fold of-theirs with-reference-to watches^[protective guards] of the nighttime . . . ¹³And abruptly together-with the angel, a-multitude of-a-Heavenly host emerged praising The God and saying, ¹⁴Glory^[exalt w/majestic radiant splendor] ^[loc. εἰς]in-Most High-Places~ ⁰to-God! And upon Earth, Peace!^[exclamatory nominative] Delight among-humans^[generic!] (Lk. 2:8,13,14 APT).

From His birth until 12:00 noon on Friday 14 Nisán (April 3), A.D. 33 The Lord Jesus Christ experienced **Perfect Peace with The Father and The Holy Spirit**. But for three hours from noon until 3:00 P.M. The Lord Jesus was separated from The Father and was made Sin for us (2 Cor. 5:21).

“²¹For The-One⁺^[Christ], |Who| did-not-know^[from experience] Sin, ^[God]He-made Sin in-behalf-of us in-order-that ourselves, we-become ⁰God's righteousness ^[εἰς w/dative]in-union-with-Him” (2 Cor. 5:21 APT).

While He suffered in the dark that prevailed over the whole Earth obscuring the Sun in darkness for three hours that fateful day, He was bearing the sins of the whole world (all humanity) and was enduring the curse against all humanity, animalia, and vegetation (Gen. 3:17-19).

He endured all this including The Death that every human, that fails to fulfill completely all the conditions for Peace that Scripture records, shall endure throughout Eternity. He did all this in order to reconcile completely unto Himself all things on Earth and in the sphere of the Heavens (Col. 1:20).

“²⁰and through Him to-completely-reconcile the all-things~ unto Himself by-making-peace through the blood of-the cross of-His, through Him, whether the-things~ upon the Earth, whether the-things~ ^[loc. εἰς]in the sphere of the Heavens” (Col. 1:20 APT).

Then when the three agonizing hours were completed, His Perfect Peace with His Father was restored and He committed His Spirit To His Father. Then in His Resurrection-Ascension, when His soul and spirit were reunited with His glorified body, He became The Great High Priest in applying His Blood to The Mercyseat in Heaven (Jn. 20:11-17 cf. Lk. 24:1,10; Mt. 28:9; Lk. 24:34,36-39; Heb. 9:5,6. Please look up and read). Then consider Paul's declaration of this event in his Treatise to The Hebrews (Heb. 9:11,12,24).

“¹¹But ^[aorist participle]when-emerging alongside, Christ, High Priest of-the imminent beneficially-good-things through the greater and more-perfectly-complete Tabernacle, not made-with-hands, ⁰that^[this] is not of-this creation, ¹²neither by-means-of ⁰blood of-he-goats and of-calves, but by-means-of-His^[article as pronoun] own^[private] blood He-entered once-for-all into The Holy-Places, after-finding-in-Himself Eternal Ransoming^[transaction: payment of ransom price for release from bondage]. . .

²⁴The Christ entered not into ⁰Holy-Places made-with-hands, figures^[antitypes] of-The Genuine-Ones, but-on-the-contrary into The Heaven Itself, now to-appear-Himself in-the person^[the-face] ^[objective genitive]before-The God in-behalf of-us” (Heb. 9:11,12,24 APT).

Then for forty days He proved Himself alive to His disciples, the women and His brothers before ascending to Heaven again to be seated alongside His Father to enjoy that Perfect Peace He had with Him since eternity past. Never again to be interrupted because of Sin! Since His Resurrection-Ascension and taking His Seat on His Throne at The right hand of The Father and having accomplished all this to ransom repentant

and persistently trusting lost sinners from bondage by Himself, He had fulfilled the requirements to become, to deserve, and to receive His title as **The Prince of Peace**, The Person and Personification, Possessor, Producer, and **Procurer of Peace**.

2. As Procurer of Peace He Obtained Peace by Means of Purchase
(Heb. 9:12; Acts 20:28; Tit. 2:14; Eph. 1:4; 2 Thes. 2:13).

He provided an Eternal Ransoming by paying the ransom price by means of His own Blood to release lost guilty sinners who repent and commit personal persistent trust unto Him (Heb. 9:12 above). There are three facts to be noted concerning the purchase of Eternal Ransoming: The Price, The Payment, and The Purpose.

a. The Price that The Prince of Peace Paid to Release Humans from Bondage and Slavery to Sin and Satan was His own pure and sinless blood shed on the cross of Calvary (Heb. 9:12, see above; Acts 20:28).

“²⁸Therefore persistently-hold-fast-on-guard for-yourselves and for-all the flock [loc. **év**]among-whom The Holy Spirit ordained[laid down] you& [predicate accusative]as overseers to-shepherd[feed,tend,andlead]sheep] The Church-of-The God, whom He-purchased-for-Himself by-means-of His own[private] blood!” (Acts 20:28 APT).

The price that The Lord Jesus paid was His own pure and sinless shed blood to purchase His Church for Himself.

b. The Ransom and Purchase Payment Transacted by The Lord Jesus Christ Himself (Tit. 2:14).

“¹³... The Great God and Savior of-ours, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴Who gave Himself in-behalf-of-us in-order-that [aorist subjunctive middle]He-by-Himself ransom[pay the price for release from bondage] us from all lawlessness and for-Himself cleanse [Ex. 19:5,6;De.7:6]an-especially-chosen people[samerace], boilingly-zealous of-profitably-good works” (Tit. 2:14 APT also see Heb. 9:12 above).

He began the transaction of purchasing lost guilty sinners back to Himself on the cross of Calvary where He suffered for Sin and shed His sinless, pure and perfect blood. He completed the transaction very early the third day, Sunday by His resurrection-Ascension into Heaven as our Great High Priest to apply His Blood on the Mercyseat.

c. The Purpose for the Ransom is to Purchase and Release (Tit. 2:14; Acts 20:28).

His purpose for paying the ransom was to purchase for Himself His especially-chosen people cleansed and released from bondage to lawlessness to become boilingly zealous of profitably-good works (Tit. 2:14 APT, see above and note full meaning of ransom in superscript).

“²⁸Therefore persistently-hold-fast-on-guard for-yourselves and for-all the flock [loc. **év**]among-whom The Holy Spirit ordained[laid down] you& [predicate accusative] overseers to-shepherd[feed,tend,and lead]sheep] The Church-of-The God, whom He-purchased-for-Himself by-means-of His own[private] blood!” (Acts 20:28 APT).

The Greek noun in Titus 2:14 is *περιούσιος* (perioúsios), a hapà legómenon i.e. a word appearing only once in The New Testament. It means “special, chosen” in the accusative case. It is translated in several versions as ‘peculiar’ or “His own possession,” but in A Precise Translation it is translated ‘especially-chosen’ (cf. Bauer, p.648). It is also used in The Septuagint, the first Greek Translation of The Old Testament, in reference to the people of Israel who received The Mosaic Covenant (Ex. 19:5,6).

But this ‘especially-chosen’ people, Israel rejected their Messiah when He came to Earth to deliver them from bondage to Sin, Satan, and Rome, they negated The Mosaic Covenant and condemned Him to death by crucifixion, demanding their bond-master, Pilate, the ruler appointed by the Roman Empire, to carry out the condemnation that

they demanded. So since the nation by means of its ruling body, The Sanhedrin, rejected their Messiah-King, in turn He rejected them (Mt. 11:18-24; 12:14-37,50). This latter especially chosen people compile 'The Body of Christ' which He purchased with His own shed blood was first called 'The Church' numerous times throughout The Book of Acts except in 20:28 (cf.above).

Seven more times in Paul's Epistles She is called 'The Church of God.' One other title in Scripture is given only once, that is 'The Church of The Firstborn' (Heb. 12:23). The Lord Jesus Christ established The Church, His 'Especially-Chosen People,' a union of elect redeemed and regenerated Israelites together with elect redeemed and regenerated Gentiles both together with Himself, His Father, and The Holy Spirit under The New Covenant to replace Israel and The Old Covenant. This 'Especially-Chosen Body of People, first called 'The Church' were elected by The Father in Christ even before the world's foundation.

We learn from Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians that those who belong to The Body of Christ called 'The Church' are holy-ones or saints and unblemished ones, whom He purchased by paying the ransom price, were chosen [ἐκλέγω (eklégō)], rather 'elected' even before the foundation of The World (Eph. 1:4).

“⁴according-as He-for-Himself-elected us [^{loc. ἐν}in-Him before ⁰world's ⁰foundation-in-order-for-us-to-be-holy-ones [^{saints}]and unblemished-ones directly-in-the-judgment-of-His [^{loc. ἐν}in-love [^{sovereign preference of one over self and others}]]’ (Eph. 1:4 APT).

In the English language the words 'elect' and 'select' are synonyms of 'choose' and these three are often used interchangeably. There are seven Greek verbs that have been translated 'choose' or one of its English cognates, but only three of these require intense comparison. However careful research both in English and Greek reveals that there are nuances (subtle differences especially in Greek) that reflect distinction between these synonyms which many Bible teachers, preachers, and Bible commentators have inadvertently overlooked. Many English speaking people are in a hurry in many ways and want to take shortcuts and or speed to get through into the next experience. This attitude is reflected in the often repeated expression, “Just give the simple gospel! Don't bother me with all the doctrine!” It is difficult not to give in to so much pressure. However the simple gospel is not enough! After The True Gospel is heard and properly completely complied with, there is much more to learn and to completely perform or all is absolutely lost in eternal judgment.

This is why Happy Heralds emphasizes and provides a more precise translation of The New Testament and in the materials for study and more complete understanding of Scripture such as the saints of The Early Greek speaking Church understood upon reading the text. In order to properly and precisely proclaim and explain The whole Truth of Scripture takes numerous hours of research each week over long periods of time. The LORD God patiently took more than 1600+ years to complete Scripture and distinctly to communicate the greater portion of it to all mankind (every creature) according to the apostle Paul (Rom. 10:15-18; Col. 1:5,6,23). It took so long, not because The God could not communicate it faster, but because it took so long for humans to grasp what He communicated before they decided to accept and completely comply with all which He communicated. Time and again throughout history under The Old Covenant the Israelites failed

sometimes almost immediately after agreeing to comply with The God. Therefore if it took The **Lord** God so long before it was clearly understood and applied by the multitude that lived before, how can any human expect to grasp by short cut and abbreviated learning all that Scripture teaches without falling under the condemnation expressed by The Lord Jesus Christ at the close of Scripture (Rev. 20:12-15 cf. 22:16,18,19).

[The following English meanings of the synonyms of ‘choose’ are gleaned from Webster’s New International Dictionary, 1924. The Greek meanings are ascertained from Greek lexicons and word studies books.]

The English verb ‘choose’ is the most frequently used rendering in The New Testament in several versions as the translation of seven different Greek verbs, each of which have a slightly different but similar meaning. This most frequently used Greek verb translated ‘choose’ is **αἰρέω** (airéō). In English the verb ‘choose’ means ‘to take by preference from two or more objects, to decide upon a thing in preference to another thing or others.’

The Greek verb translated ‘choose’ which use is prominent over the other two verbs so translated is **αἰρέω** (airéō) meaning ‘to take,’ but it is found in The New Testament only in the middle voice which means ‘to choose for oneself.’ It is the only verb translated ‘choose’ exclusively. Only once is it used in relation to The God and His purpose to Save and to Sanctify (2 Thes. 2:13).

“³But ourselves, we-are-continually-obligated^[legally] to-give-thanks-continually to-The God all-the-time concerning you[&], O-brothers beloved-ones ^[agency]by ⁰Lord, because from ⁰beginning The God for-Himself-chose you[&] unto Salvation ^[instrumental ἐν]by-means-of ⁰Spirit’s sanctification and committed-trust ^[objective genitive]to-Truth” (2 Thes. 2:13 APT).

The second Greek verb translated ‘elect’ is **ἐκλέγω** (eklégō) which literally means ‘to say or claim out.’ In The New Testament it is only found in the middle voice literally meaning ‘to claim out for oneself.’ It has been generally translated mostly as ‘to choose’ but in Theological use it refers to the act of The God to choose or claim out for Himself by predisposition unto Mercy, Salvation, and Eternal Life. Therefore since the Greek noun has been translated ‘elect’ 16 times out of the 23 times it is used in The New Testament, the better choice of meaning is to take that which is utilized almost twice as much as the usage of the other. Since ‘choose’ has already been used exclusively as the meaning of **αἰρέω** (airéō), another meaning should have been used exclusively for **ἐκλέγω** (eklégō) and each of the other Greek verbs that are translated ‘choose.’

[It seems that since the Greek language is such a precise language, so specific and accurate in expression with provision made for exact understanding by the use of more than two hundred variations to the stem of the root verb and less for other parts of speech and many varied uses for prepositions, and the fact that The Holy Spirit clearly guided the writers to express exactly what He determined (2 Pet. 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:16), it is absolutely necessary that we determine what He actually intended to convey in His use of nuances of words that are synonymous. Each Greek word has its own special meaning(s).]

This verb **ἐκλέγω** (eklégō) has three aspects of meaning: general, political, and Theological. Generally ‘elect’ means ‘to take or claim out by preference from among two or more’; politically it means ‘to make a selection for an office by vote.’ But Theologically it means

‘to designate by predisposition to claim out for Mercy and Salvation.’

The third Greek verbal that has been translated ‘choose’ is the aorist participial middle voice form of *ἐπιλέγω* (epilégō), *ἐπιλέγομαι* (epilégomai). It has been translated ‘select’ in English, literally means ‘to select exclusively by preference for special value for myself.’ The Greek verb literally means ‘to intently call, to select.’ The middle voice requires the subject of the verb to participate in the results of the action in some way; either directly experiences the reflexive force of the action, or indirectly produces the action, or permits the action to occur upon self. **Bahrahbbáhs** and Paul had a strong disagreement over taking John Mark, who defected away from them on their first missionary journey, along with them on the second missionary journey. When **Bahrahbbáhs** insisted that Mark was going with them, he took Mark and sailed out to Cyprus. “But Paul selected **Séeláhs** for himself” (Acts 15:40 APT) and departed into north Syria.

From this brief scrutiny of the translation, nuance of meaning, and distinct difference between the three verbs of The Greek translated ‘choose’ or one of its cognates in English, an historical progression of Truth has been discovered. The God made a choice based upon His preference and predilection, to take out of the human mass of people, the ones exclusively for Himself, whom He discerned would fully respond to His Truth. We shall resume the discussion of the results of that Purchase in fuller detail next time,

Conclusion: Today in our study of **The Prince of Peace**, we briefly reviewed what we studied in previous lessons concerning **What Is Peace** and **Who The Prince of Peace Is: The Person of Peace** and **The Producer of Peace**. Then we began to consider **The Procurer of Peace**. We first noted **the Possession of the uninterrupted Perfect Peace with The Father and The Holy Spirit** from Eternity through the ages until 12:00 noon on Friday 14 Nisán (April 3), A.D. 33 on the cross. Though that peace was interrupted during three hours that He suffered in total darkness as He bore the sins of all humans on the cross, Perfect Peace with The Godhead was resumed upon His Death and was completely restored in His Resurrection-Ascension.

Then we considered Him **As Procurer of Peace He Obtained Peace by Means of Purchase**. We noted the results of that purchase and paying the ransom for release from bondage and slavery to Sin by His precious shed blood applied to the Mercyseat in Heaven. We observed how The Holy Spirit used different synonyms to indicate all that resulted from that purchase and payment of ransom price to release lost guilty sinners from bondage and slavery to Sin. The God from beginning of time looked far into the future and chose for Himself those people who would fully comply with all His conditions of Peace. Also before world’s foundation He elected or claimed out of the total mass of people by predisposition unto Mercy, Salvation, and Eternal Life; and by preference exclusively selected them to be an especially chosen people. Are you one of those who will fully comply with all His conditions of peace?

Application: What will you choose today to be, redeemed among an especially chosen people or remain among the multitude of lost guilty sinners in bondage to Sin and Satan destined for Eternal Judgment and condemnation to The Eternal Lake of Fire? Which is it for you? DFW

For next week: Read and meditate upon: **THE PRINCE OF PEACE: Who He Is** part 8: **The Procurer of Peace** (cont.). Please read (Isa. 9:6,7; 1 Pet. 1:18,19; Rom. 10:13-15-17; Gal. 5:22; 6:16; Eph. 6:15,23; Phil. 4:7,9; Col. 3:15; 1 Thes. 5:23; 2 Thes. 3:16; Heb. 13:20,21; 2 Pet. 1:2).

“15 . . . [participle of res]in-result-making peace; 16and [aor. subj.]He-completely-reconcile the both to-The God [é̇v for eis]into One Body [intrm. agcy.]by-means-of-The cross and eliminate[kill] the enmity by-means-of it. 17And after-coming, He-pronounced-glad-tidings[evangelized] with-reference-to-peace to-you&, to-the-ones far-off and to-the-ones near” (Eph. 2:16,17 APT).

3. He Brought about or Achieved Peace for All Humans and All Things
(Rom. 5:1,9; Col. 1:14,19-23; Heb. 9:11,12; 1 Pet. 1:18,19).

“1Therefore since-being-justified[being declared righteous & completely free of blame, guilt, and penalty] by-means-of Faith[committed trust], [consummative perfect]we-continually-have peace with[to the face of] The God through The Lord of- ours, Jesus Christ, . . . 9Therefore much rather now being-justified [instrumental]by-means-of-the blood of-His, we-shall-be-saved away-from the anger through Him” (Rom. 5:1 APT).

“13 . . . The Son of the Love of His 14[é̇v/dative]in-identification-with-Whom we-continually-have the Redemption[release from bondage for the ransom paid] [mss. divided] [through the blood of His] with-reference-to the forgiveness of the sins, . . . 19He-delighted that: in-Him all the fulness is-to-reside, 20and through Him the-act-of-completely-reconciling the all~ things unto Himself [aorist participle]after-making-peace through the blood of-the cross of His, through Him, whether the-things~ upon the Earth, whether the-things~ [loc. é̇v]in-the-sphere-of-the Heavens. 21And you& once being [perfect passive participle]completely-alienated-ones and enemies in-the thinking-capacity by-means-of the-wicked /works, but even-now He-completely-reconciled 22[instrumental use of é̇v]by-means-of-The Body of-His /flesh to-present[*l.t.*: stand alongside] you & [predicate accusative]as-saints[holy-ones] and unblemished-ones and ones-not-judicially-incriminated& directly-in-the-judgment of-His, 23if-indeed (and-it-is-true) &you-continually-remain-on within-the limits-of-The Faith[committed trust] ones-standing-stablized[founded] and one-steadfast-in-loyalty and ones-not-being-shifted away-from the hope of-The Gospel, of-which you& heard, [namely] The-One~ being-proclaimed-as-an-herald un- to[é̇v for eis] every /creature [namely] the-one under the Heaven, of-which I myself, Paul became a-domestic-servant[attendant needs]” (Col. 1:14,19-23 APT).

“11But when-emerging-alongside, Christ, High-Priest of-the imminent beneficially-good-things by-means-of the greater and-more-perfectly-complete Tabernacle, not made-with-hands, that[*this*] is not of-this /creation, 12neither by-means-of 0blood of-he-goats and of-calves, but by-means-of His[*article as pronoun*] own[*private*] blood He-entered once-for-all into The Holy-Places, after-finding-in-Himself 0Eternal Ransoming[*payment of the ransom price for release from bondage*]” (Heb. 9:11,12 APT).

“18Since-being-aware that &you-were-ransomed not with-corruptible-things~, [namely] with-silver or with-gold, out-of the futile vanity of-your& conduct-of-life belonging-to-forefathers'-tradition, 19but-on-the-contrary with-Christ's 0precious blood, as of- An-Unblemished and Unspotted Lamb” (1 Pet. 1:18,19 APT).

4. He Manages, Cares for or Looks after The Peace that He Achieved
(Rom. 10:13-15-17; Gal. 5:22; 6:16; Eph. 6:15,23; Phil. 4:7,9; Col. 3:15;

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1 Thes. 5:23; 2 Thes. 3:16; Heb. 13:20,21; 2 Pet. 1:2).’

“¹³For everyone who ever ^[aorist middle subjunctive]appeal-for-oneself to the name ⁰of Lord shall-be-saved. Therefore how shall-they-appeal unto ¹one! unto ¹one! of-whom they-are-not-committing-trust? But how shall-they- commit-trust-to ¹one! of-whom they-did- not -hear? Then how-shall-they- hear apart-from ^[substantive participle]one-proclaiming-as-a-herald? ¹⁵In-fact how shall-they-proclaim-as-a-herald unless they-be-sent^{[w/commission]?} According as it stands written,^[Is. 52:7] How beautiful the feet of-the-ones pronouncing^[evangelizing] glad tidings^[The Gospel] with-reference-to peace, ¹namely! the-ones ^[evangelizing]pronouncing-glad-tidings with-reference-to the beneficially-good-things! ¹⁶But^[on-the-contrary] they-did-not-all obey the evangel. For Isaiah says,^[Is. 53:1] O-Lord, who committed-trust to-the report of-ours? ¹⁷So-then The Faith ¹is! by-means-of hearing. Then the hearing through ⁰God’s declaration^{[spoken word]!}” (Rom. 10:13-17 APT).

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