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"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you." Isa. 26:3

I. The Peace Promise (Isa. 9:6)

- A. What everyone needs is Peace Peace with God
- B. "will be called: Prince of Peace"
- C. "Prince" = *sar* = Leader/source/guide
 - 1. Jesus Christ is the source of true peace (Rom. 5:1)
 - 2. Jesus Christ is the guide/leader to peace
- D. "Peace" = *shalowm* = (200+) wholeness, tranquility, contentment
 - 1. Calmness inside despite storm outside
 - 2. Freedom from fear due to confidence in God
 - 3. Unity with another

II. The Peace Priority

- A. Walking in peace (Col. 3:15) in peace with others (Rom. 14:17-19)
- B. Mind stayed on him (Isa. 26:3,12)
- C. Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22,23)
- D. We rely on the Holy Spirit to keep us in the peace of God

III. The Peace Paradox (Matt. 2:3,10:34 - 39)

A. Jesus's birth led to a "great disturbance" (Matt. 2:3)

B. Jesus leads us to peace with God but opposition to the world, Satan, and the flesh (Matt. 10:34-39)

- C. As salt and light in the world, we are called to be different (Matt. 5:13-16)
- D. There will be world peace under the reign of Jesus Christ (Rev. 20:1-6)