



## Sermon Outline:

# Living with peace

**Main point:** Jesus is the Prince of Peace

**Intended response:** Welcome the Prince of Peace into your life

**Key verse:** Isaiah 9:6-7

### Introduction:

- > Christmas is a time when we long for peace. Intense busyness, family feuds, financial stress, etc.
- > The original audience longed for peace too. Assyrian invasions.
- > Isaiah prophesied about a royal baby who would be the 'Prince of Peace'.
- > But what does 'Prince of Peace' mean? And why does it matter for us today?

*Intro launch: How does God address our despair in the hard times?*

### A/ Peace with God.

- > Jesus came to bring peace to our relationship with God.
- > 'Shalom' is more than the absence of conflict. Whole, flourishing, restored.
- > Colossians 1:19-23: Through Christ ... God reconciled everything to himself ...made peace ... by means of Christ's blood ... You were his enemies ... now he has reconciled you...
- > Jesus is the Prince of Peace because he reconciles our relationship with God.
- > Perfectly restored, without blemish.
- > To receive peace with God, we need to accept that we have been at odds with God.
- > Do you have this peace today?

### B/ Peace of God.

- > "When we receive the Prince of Peace as our Saviour, his peace is born in our hearts," Max Lucado.
- > Even in turmoil, we can know his peace.
- > Philippians 4:13, "The peace of God, which transcends all understanding." Paul's example.
- > Maybe you've experienced this or seen this in a Christian friend?
- > We will still experience pain in this world, but having his peace in our hearts is life changing.
- > Jesus promises that even in difficult personal times, we can experience peace.

### C/ Perfect peace forevermore!

- > A day is coming when everything will be set right. Jesus will heal all that is broken. He will reign over all. There will be perfect peace.
- > Shalom in every space – lambs lying down with lions, etc. Harmony, flourishing, wholeness.
- > Handel: "And he shall reign forever and ever more."

### Call to action

The Prince of Peace has been born. Have you invited him into your life?

1. Do you need peace with God?
2. Do you need the peace of God?