Prince of Peace Part 1

NKJV (Isaiah 9: 6) 6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called:

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Christians all around the world are being taught to be peaceful.

For many Christians in this world, however, peace has been violently disturbed.

In the Middle East and in large parts of Africa, Christians are terribly persecuted, tortured and killed, mainly by Muslims.

Unfortunately, there are politicians who weaken and distort the gross crimes against Christians:

https://berliner-express.com/2019/04/maas-christen-muessen-mit-anschlaegen-leben/

It is clear that Islam has been assigned the exclusive victim role of the manipulated media, education and politics and there is little attention for Christians.

How is it possible that politicians, who call themselves Christians, keep silent after the Islamic terror in Sri Lanka. That such politicians do not make their voice heard when their brothers and sisters are tortured and killed worldwide. And where young Christian women are abused.

These are the same politicians who kept quiet when so-called moderate Muslim groups were supported with millions of euros from ignorant citizens. Christians in countries such as Iraq and Syria subsequently suffered badly from these groups.

What kind of Christians are those?

Such politicians will subsequently reply: "But we must love our neighbor?" *Never* may doing good to a neighbor result, in Christians to suffer:

**NKJV** (1 Timothy 5: 8) 8 But if anyone does not provide <u>for his own</u>, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

**NKJV** (Galatians 6:10) 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, <u>especially</u> to those who are of the household of faith.

Consider this too; Which Christian does not lock his door for the night or which Christian approves it as good to break into his house?

NKJV (Luke 12:39) Also consider this; Which Christian does not lock his door for the night or which Christian allowes his house to be broken into?

If the prevention of burglary is clear in these days, why then not protect - and send necessary help to - our Christian brothers and sisters worldwide?

NKJV (Matthew 25: 31-32, 35-41) 31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.... 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You

drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' 41 Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

These politicians, those who call themselves Christians, are a part of the world and act accordingly. In the way they speak with their unctuous but reprehensible words; "We want to be tolerant, measures are not yet needed and we will pray for them." They appear fair on the outside, but are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness in their hearts. (Matthew 23:28)

Christians may not, under any excuse, commit themselves to such godless politics and thereby become part of that world. (John 17: 14-16) Becoming part of that world is a gross sin, through the indirect agreement with violence and injustice against Christians:

NKJV (1 John 3:10) 10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

# The theme of this article is; Peace on earth is disappearing. How can Christians maintain peace?

We live in a vulnerable and uncertain time.

Many people have experienced that it is not always safe to go on the streets and that you then have to be on your guard. Many also experience that they can only make cautious comments, or more safely, make no comments. According to a researcher, people worldwide are more sad, angry and anxious than before:

 $\underline{https://www.shtfplan.com/headline-news/the-world-is-sadder-and-angrier-than-ever\_04292019}$ 

The carefree freedom and the obvious help is disappearing.

It certainly has to do with the aggressive way of life of various people in this world, with their drugs, crime and violence.

In addition, because of social activities and all kinds of agreements, various people have almost no family life at home, such as eating together and discussing their daily activities.

What many people in the world miss is peace, inner peace.

Peace is a pleasant state of rest and comfortable security.

No disruptions or struggle, but harmony.

NKJV (Proverbs 3: 13, 17) 13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding;, .... 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace.

As we mentioned earlier, not everyone is peaceful.

Some people, unfortunately, do not want peace, but are out for a fight.

**NKJV** (Jeremiah 9: 8) 8 Their tongue is an arrow shot out; It speaks deceit; One speaks peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, But in his heart he lies in wait. **NKJV** (Proverbs 12:20) 20 Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, But counselors of peace have joy.

A Christian understands that he must apply God's word to get peace in his heart:

NKJV (Psalms 37:37) 37 Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright; For the future of that man is peace.

## The prophecies about the Prince of Peace in Scripture



A fruit in the line of David will become King and those of David's descendants, who believe in this King, may also rule:

NKJV (Psalm 132: 11-12) 11 The Lord has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it: "I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body. 12 If your sons will keep My covenant And My testimony which I shall teach them, Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore."

The fruit in the line of David is called 'Branch' (or Sprout) in Jeremiah:

NKJV (Jeremiah 23: 5-6) 5 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "That I will raise to David a Branch (Sprout) of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. 6 In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

In the Scripture above, the word 'tsemach' stands for 'Sprout', which means shooting or sprouting. A new rod or branch.

The Sprout of Loot would come forth of Jesse. Jesse was the father of King David:

NKJV (Isaiah 11: 1-5) 1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. 3 His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; 4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

In the future era, on the new earth, the Sprout will be present as a flag or banner. Where all nations will flow to for receiving insight and knowledge:

NKJV (Isaiah 11: 9-10) 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea. 10 "And in that day there shall be <u>a Root of Jesse</u>, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."

The Sprout will reign as King in righteousness, together with the other princes, the saints:

NKJV (Isaiah 32: 1-3) 1 Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, And princes will rule with justice. 2 A man will be as a hiding place from the wind, And a cover from the tempest, As rivers of water in a dry place, As the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. 3 The eyes of those who see will not be dim, And the ears of those who hear will listen.

This 'righteous' Sprout, upon whom the Spirit of God rests, can be no one else but Jesus.Jesus is the Root and the offspring in the line of David:

NKJV (Revelation 22:16) 16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

In Micah it says, where the Prince of Peace would be born:

NKJV (Micah 5: 2-5) 2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting." 3 Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth; Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel. 4 And He shall stand and feed His flock In the strength of the Lord, In the majesty of the name of the Lord His God; And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth; 5 And this One shall be peace....

The Prince of Peace will appear on the youngster of a donkey in Jerusalem:

NKJV (Zechariah 9: 9-10) 9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. 10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be 'from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.'. (see also Matthew 21: 1-11 and John 12: 12-19)

#### Personal peace is already possible in the current era

Christians have washed away their sinful way of life with baptism and now experience peace in their lives:

NKJV (1 John 4:10) 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Every Christian has his own problems or sorrows.

Some have lost a loved one such like a child. Others are damaged in their youth or have had a

traumatic experience.

This is what Jesus once said about healing sadness:

NKJV (Luke 4:18) 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,

And that these words of Jesus are reliable, is evident from the resurrection from the death of the daughter of Jairus:

NKJV (Mark 5: 35-36,41-42) 35 While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" 36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe.".... 41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." 42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement.

## The wishing for peace; 'peace to You' or 'go in peace'

Don't let yourself be deprived of peace, but rely entirely on Jesus' words. <u>Faith</u> in Jesus' words is really the key to peace.



This key to peace can be recognized in various places of Scripture, such as the healed woman, who had a flow of blood for twelve years:

NKJV (Mark 5:34) 34 And He said to her, "Daughter, **your faith** has made you well. <u>Go in peace</u>, and be healed of your affliction."

Or the sinful woman in the city, who anointed the feet of Jesus with an alabaster flask of fragrant oil:

NKJV (Luke 7:50) 50 Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

Wishing peace for His disciples was part of the greeting by Jesus:

NKJV (John 20: 19,21,26) 19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."....21 So Jesus said to

them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."....26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!"

A peace wish was even a prerequisite for visiting a house:

NKJV (Luke 10: 5-6) 5 But whatever house you enter, first say, <u>'Peace to this house.'</u> 6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.

## **Finally:**

Inner peace will enrich the life of a Christian:

NKJV (Psalm 4: 8) 8 I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

The Prince of Peace (Jesus) is God's spokesman. (John 1: 1) For that reason, Jesus words are the absolute truth, they are just words. Faith in Jesus' words is therefore to believe in justice. The fruit of righteousness will bring peace to eternity:

NKJV (Isaiah 32:17) 17 The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. 18 My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, In secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places,

In the following article, we will further describe Jesus' unique teachings about inner peace and will describe the era of the Prince of Peace on the new earth.

P.S. On the site 'Disciples of Jesus Christ' there are more substantive Christian articles.