



WEEK 4 - Prince of Peace

For to us a child is born, to 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”. Isaiah 9:6

It is ironic that Bethlehem, the tiny town where Jesus was born, is now the center of division, barbed wired fences and threatening conflict. And yet, He is the Prince of Peace. Because He brings light, life and peace into a very dark world, there is tension.

The Light in the darkness creates tension. He came to break through darkness and He continues to do so. What a comfort it is to cling to these words from Isaiah which remind us that He is our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.

I wonder if we would live differently if we reminded ourselves on a daily basis that Jesus Christ is our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. When darkness surrounds us, when we are overwhelmed with an important decision, when our world seems to be falling apart, how differently would we react to these situations if we constantly repeated these words from Isaiah; Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace!

As we walk this week, it may be appropriate to reflect on this description of the Messiah. It can be our prayer that the world will take note at this Christmas time of the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.

May the Truth of the Christmas message break through the superficiality of the shopping frenzy and credit card debt. May we all have an opportunity to bring the Wonderful Counselor, The Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace to everyone we meet this Christmas season.

Questions to Ponder:

- **What areas of the world need our special prayer at this time?**
- **What areas need to be surrounded by the Prince of Peace?**
- **In what ways can Jesus Christ be our Wonderful Counselor?**
- **Through what means does He counsel us?**