

# the Gift of a Name

Part 2: Prince of Peace  
*Sar Shalom*

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## How many of these words describe you during December?

- Tranquil       Peaceful       Content  
 Whole       Satisfied       Reconciled

## Hebrew: Sar Shalom – Prince of Peace

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. - Isaiah 9:6

## Greek: Eirene – peace

"And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace." - Luke 1:76-79

For he himself is our peace... - Ephesians 2:14

## At Christmastime we all need:

### 1. The Proclamation of Peace

Suddenly, a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace to men on whom his favor rests." - Luke 2:13-14

*The Bright Morning Star comes to say  
"Shalom aleikhem" – Peace upon you.*

**Application:** Speak God's peace into every situation.

### 2. The Practice of Peace

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

- Colossians 3:12-15

*Peace with God produces  
peace with others  
and peace within ourselves.  
– Ann Spangler*

**Application:** If it is possible, as far as it depends on you,  
live at peace with everyone. - Romans 12:18

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### 3. The Promise of Peace

The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever. My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest. - Isaiah 32:17-18

*The peace of God is so much more than a mere absence of conflict. Instead, it is the gift of the presence of the true Prince of Peace*

**Application:** Invite the Prince of Peace to rule in your heart this Christmas.

### On The Way Home

Where do you go to experience peace? What is it about that place or that activity that allows you to feel peaceful?

#### Group Life Discussion Questions



- 1) Name a location where you feel anything but peaceful. What is it about that place that makes your blood pressure rise?
- 2) How does your family handle conflict during the Christmas season?
- 3) What do you personally have to do in order to find peace in your heart?
- 4) How does God's peace reveal itself in your life around Christmas?
- 5) Name a person (first name's only) who you know God is asking you to reconcile with so that God's peace can rule in your hearts this Christmas. If there is no one – thank Jesus!
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?