

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Acts 6.

At times, it seems strange to have the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) say He did not come to bring peace, but a sword. (Matthew 10:34)

Being the Prince of Peace does not mean Jesus came, so we would all get along. Or that some would have a sense of superiority over others or take on the role of judge and jury against others. Being the Prince of Peace, the primary role for Jesus was not to be judge, but Savior. John 3:17 "But God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him."

In many families today, there is conflict when some trust Jesus as Savior and others do not. But again, Jesus came to save us from sin, not to think living in sin is what brings peace. The world looks for peace in all the wrong places, believers find peace from the One who said, "My peace I give to you, not the kind of peace the world offers. (John 14:27)

When we find ourselves at odds with family, friends, or co-workers, should we expect anything different? Our thoughts, actions, and attitudes should have changed when Jesus became a part of our lives. We are a new creation. (2 Cor. 5:17)

What Jesus offers is not just peace with God but lasting peace in the midst of storms. (Shalom) We can enjoy a "fruit of the Spirit," that being peace. (Gal.5) And the hearts of the fathers can be restored to their children. (Mal. 4:6)

One of my favorite stories of God restoring family came from a young college student who lived with an abusive father, especially toward her mother. She asked God to stop the violence. This girl became a believer, then her brother and mother, and then finally the father, and God stopped the violence.

Help others find peace in Jesus.