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2  The Promise

3  Popularity Poll

4  The Names

- His name will be called:
 - Wonderful Counselor
 - Mighty God
 - Everlasting Father
 - Prince of Peace
- However, none of these names exist on Facebook.
- In fact, Facebook rejects people with unusual names. Such as the Yodas, the Beers, the Pancakes, and the Batmans.
- These people really exist!

5  Facebook


- According to the Washington Post (March 5, 2009), they've all been rejected by Facebook, adding insult to a lifetime of injuries caused by having an unusual last name.
- "I've heard every Superman joke known to exist," says Becky Super, a landscape designer.
 - "People misspell it."
 - "People mispronounce it."
 - "People say it 'Supper.'"
 - "People say they've never met anyone else with that last name."

6  Facebook

- She's not alone. Says Bess Pancake:
 - "[T]hey think we're trying to run a breakfast scam or something."
- And a man named Tim Six complains,
 - "Try making a reservation at restaurants: I'd like a table for Six at 5:00 for 3."
- All three did finally join Facebook, and all three joined the group, "Facebook Hates My Name."

7  Name Confusion

- Is there name confusion with the name, "Prince of Peace?"
- "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men . . ." (Luke 2:14 NIV)
 - . . . to men on whom his favor rests."
- So why is this so frequently done?
- Our society wants to make Jesus out to be someone he is not.

8  What is Peace?

- According to the Webster Dictionary, peace is:
 - a state of tranquillity, quiet, calm,

- freedom from civil disturbance, oppression, strife, and disorder;
- harmony in personal relationships or among your enemies.
- So has Jesus given peace to the world?
- If not, when will it come and how will it come?

9 Divider or Uniter?

- If Jesus is the “Prince of Peace,” why did he say the following:
 - “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.”
 - “For I have come to turn ‘a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law — a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’” (Matthew 10:34–36 NIV).
- It seems like it to me that the Prince of Peace is a divider not a uniter.

10 Is Peace Conditional

- In the hymn of praise by Mary—known as the Magnificat, she says through the Holy Spirit . . .
 - His mercy extends to those who fear him . . . [but] has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. (Luke 1:46–55)
- John the Baptist’s father also prophesied . . .
 - you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins . . . to give light to those in darkness . . . to guide our feet into the way of peace.

11 Is Peace Conditional

- In speaking about the Messiah (Jesus), John the Baptist said . . .
 - He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire. (Luke 2:16–17, See also Joel 2)
- So John the Baptist is saying, repent in order to receive the forgiveness of sins, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.
- “Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.” (Luke 3:8 NIV)

12 Is Peace Conditional?

- “This is what the LORD says — your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your righteousness like the waves of the sea.” (Isaiah 48:17–18 NIV)
- Peace is the result of paying attention to God’s commands.

- Paying attention to God’s commands means following them—trusting that the one who gives them has our best interest at hand.
- If we do, then we will have Peace with God.

13 Is Peace Conditional?

- But what happens to those who do not pay attention to God and His instruction?
 - “There is no peace,” says the LORD, “for the wicked.” (Isaiah 48:22 NIV)
- Those who heed God’s commands will have peace. Those who ignore Him will not have 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 NIV)

14 Is Peace Conditional?

- “I will listen to what God the LORD will say; he promises peace to his people, his saints — but let them not return to folly. [It is there] Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.” (Psalms 85:8, 10 NIV)
 - So when we listen to God we will have peace, but if we forget to listen and act foolishly God’s love and faithfulness, and peace will be lifted from us.
 - Nevertheless, “Great peace have they who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.” (Psalms 119:165 NIV)

15 Is Peace Conditional?

- You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock eternal. (Isaiah 26:3–4 NIV)
- “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith Jehovah, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope in your latter end. And ye shall call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:11–13 ASV)
- Again, are these promises of peace conditional?

16 Peace

- A disciple is a follower and student of a mentor, teacher, or other wise figure.
- So Jesus’ disciples were men who followed their teacher’s teachings.
- So when Jesus said to His disciples, “My peace I give to you . . . let your heart not be troubled,” who was He talking to?
 - Let your requests be made known to God, and His peace, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds. (Phil 4:6–7)
 - Our peace with God is through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1).

17 Summary

- Jesus is indeed the Prince of Peace.
- However, His Peace is not for everyone, but as the angels sang, “Peace on earth and goodwill to men who find his favor.”
- In other words, we find peace when we make peace with God.
- For it is through repentance and the promise of becoming His disciple that we find the forgiveness of sin.
- As it is written, “Jesus is our peace. Apart from Him, we do not have His peace.” (Ephesians 2:14, 17)

18 War and Peace

- “I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.
- His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.
- The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.
- Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.” (Revelation 19:11–16 NIV)

19 Peace

- After the Lord returns and destroys His enemies, then the following will be fulfilled.
 - “He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.” (Micah 4:3 NIV)
- Peace will come to the earth, when God destroys all his enemies.

20 Prince of Peace

- The Prince of Peace has come and is coming again.
- To those who want to be his disciple, and who pay attention to His word and live it out there is peace that the world can’t take it away.
- “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33 NIV)
- Have we made our peace with God.