

# Crowned With Dignity and Worth 5

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Most people live in a constant state of feeling condemned before God.

Guilt drives you away from God, not toward Him.

Mercy is what draws you toward God.

**Romans 2:4** - Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that **God's kindness and goodness leads you toward repentance?**

**Romans 10:15** - How beautiful are the feet of them that preach or proclaim “**the Gospel of Peace**” and bring glad tidings of good things!

What is the Gospel of Peace?

**700+ Years before Christ Isaiah prophetically wrote:**

**Isaiah 9:6-7** - <sup>6</sup> For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, **THE PRINCE OF PEACE.** <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and **PEACE** there shall be no end

Why was Jesus called "the Prince of Peace?"

**Luke 2:10-14** – <sup>10</sup> And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold I bring you **good tidings of GREAT JOY**, which shall be to **all people.** <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this shall be a sign unto you; you shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> Glory to God in the highest and **ON EARTH PEACE AND GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN or PEACE TO MEN ON WHOM GOD'S FAVOR REST.**

What did the angel mean when he said, “On earth PEACE and God’s GOOD WILL toward men?”

The peace he refers to doesn't mean peace among men, but peace between God and man.

"The Gospel of Peace," "The Prince of Peace," and "Peace on Earth" refers to "Peace between God and Man," through Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 6:15** - And having your feet shod with **THE GOSPEL OF PEACE**.

Until our hearts are "**established**" in the message of **The Gospel of Peace**, we will never live in the dignity, worth, and dominion that God intends.

- Most Christians live their lives trying to **ACHIEVE Peace with God** and it is this very pursuit that is at odds with the **Gospel**.
- Christians have a substitute for the message of the **Gospel**:
  - Righteous living - Church membership and sacraments
  - Political Involvement – God's not a R. or D.
  - The need to change others into you
- The message of the **Gospel** isn't what I've done for God, but what I have believed and received that He has done for me, through Christ.
- The only true and eternal way to influence the lives of people is to lead them out of the kingdom of darkness and into the Kingdom of God.

**Romans 5:1** - Therefore being made **Righteous** or **declared innocent** by faith, we **HAVE PEACE WITH GOD** through **Jesus Christ our Lord!**

Once you know that you are **righteous** or **declared innocent** before God, you will be at **peace with God**. More importantly, God is a **peace with you** and you will no longer live in fear of **judgment from God**.

**Reconciled to God!**

**Colossians 1:20-22** – <sup>20</sup> Having made PEACE through the blood of his cross, that **by Jesus**, God has **reconciled all things back to Himself**; whether they be things in heaven or earth <sup>21</sup> And you, likewise, who once were estranged from Him **and your mind was at war with Him**, when you lived in sin and wickedness, **YET NOW HAS HE RECONCILED YOU TO HIMSELF**. <sup>22</sup> By Christ's death he offered his body of flesh and blood to **PRESENT YOU HOLY, UNBLAMABLE, FAULTLESS, BLAMELESS, UNREPROVEABLE AND INNOCENT in God's sight!!**

Do you believe that Jesus has done this for you?

God is at peace with man!