



Pastor's Comments

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Prince of Peace

It was the last Sunday of 1968 when my wife and I began our pastoral ministry at Northampton Assembly of God. Forty years ago – Wow! Time surely passes quickly! The Lord has done many wonderful things in our church during these years, and we have many fond memories of those whom we have been privileged to meet and know.

This “Pastor’s Comments” newspaper column ministry began in 1975. I wish to thank those who have expressed appreciation for the column and for those who have helped defray the cost. If this column has been a help to you, I would love to hear from you. Here is one of the first columns:

On the first Christmas the shepherds heard a multitude of angels saying, “*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace**, good will toward men.*” Hundreds of years before, the prophet Isaiah had foretold the birth of Jesus and said He would be called the **PRINCE OF PEACE!** After Jesus had miraculously fed 5,000 people, the Jews were preparing to make Him King, but became disillusioned and frustrated when He taught that He had not come to force a kingdom of **peace** upon this world, but to bring about a revolution of character within man termed the “new birth.” Jesus said, “*Think not that I am come to send **peace** on earth...*” and “*The Kingdom of God is **within you.***” The **PRINCE OF PEACE** has come, yet 85% of all history concerns itself with war because men have rejected His rulership in their lives. We celebrate the birth of the **PRINCE OF PEACE** this Christmas, yet statistics reveal the highest rate of suicides during this season because of the disillusionment of those who seek **peace** outside of the **PRINCE OF PEACE**, Jesus Christ.

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