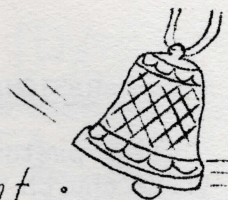


Holiday Greetings

from our District Superintendent:



"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, COUNSELLOR, THE
MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FA-
THER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE."

--Isaiah 9:6

Newspaper Item: "AMERICANS ARE
STARTING ON THEIR ANNUAL SPENDING
SPREE THAT WILL RUN INTO THE
BILLIONS"--this article, speaking
of Christmas shopping, makes me
wonder if all this spending will
bring the happiness, joy, and
peace that this world needs so
badly.

In most cases the thrill of
Christmas will be gone within the
week. But the joy, the peace, the
hope that was wrapped up in that
"pink bundle of baby flesh" and
laid in a manger -- that Child of
Prophecy -- whose name was to be
called, "Wonderful, Counsellor,
The Mighty God, The Everlasting
Father, The Prince of Peace"
brought a lasting joy to the
world - a joy that is unspeakable
and full of glory!

Let us notice that the name or
title that was to be given to
this Child of Prophecy, this Un-
speakable Gift of God, was "the
Prince of Peace". Is there any-
thing this sin-weary, war-torn,
sorrowing, sobbing, bleeding, and
heart-broken world needs more
than peace? In the face of man's
failure to find peace through
conferences, legislation, program
or education, I seem to see the
"Prince of Peace" standing in all
of His Glory, on the eve of His
departure, saying, "Peace I leave
with you, My peace I give unto
you: not as the world giveth,
give I unto you; Let not your
heart be troubled, neither let it
be afraid". Oh, that men might
know of the peace of God, that
passeth understanding.

While the world spends its
billions for its moment of joy,
in giving and receiving gifts
soon to be forgotten --- are we
willing to spend and be spent to
bring peace, real peace, to the
souls of men and women for whom
Christ died? I believe the great-
est investment we can ever make