

"The Greatest Gift Of All"
Isaiah 9:6
Christmas Message, December 20, 2009

Isa. 9:6 is a "Birth Announcement" which was announced 700 years ~~Before~~ ~~not~~ ~~After~~ the Birth of Jesus Christ!

"This Birth Announcement" Contains 5 Names given to Jesus that describe Jesus as the "Ultimate, and Greatest Gift of All Time!"

God named the first man "Adam" – means "Earth." Because he was taken from the dust of the ground. Eve – "Mother of all the living"

Abram "Exalted Father" to "Abraham" which means "The Father of many nations," "Isaac" which means "laughter."

When Rachel (Jacob's Wife) was dying, she gave birth to a son, and she named him "Ben-o-ni" which means "Son of my sorrow."

Jacob wisely changed his name to "Benjamin" which means "Son of my right hand."

Jesus changed Simon's name to "Peter" which means "Rock."

Matt. 1:21

Jesus - is the Greek form of the Hebrew name "Joshua" both mean "the Lord is Salvation."

Is. 9:6 For a child ~~will be born~~ to us,

Notice it is said that He ~~will be born~~; Jesus Christ came as a man, He was the "Son of Man," and came into this sinful world.

He was ~~given~~; Jesus Christ was "The Son of God."

We are going to look at ~~5 Names~~ that were given to Jesus:

1. ~~Wonderful~~ – (~~Jesus is the Answer to the Dullness of Life.~~)

Matt. 18:3

~~Wonder vs. Novelty:~~

Wonderful – Isaiah uses; means - "to separate, to distinguish." ~~"being unique and different"~~

This Involves Depth - It changes the person, enriching them and never leaving them the same.

It Creates an Attitude of Humility -

Psalms 8:3-4

True Wonder Involves the Whole Person - mind, heart, and will. If not, it is just a novelty or surprise.

Why is there so Little Wonder in our World Today?

We live in a Mechanical World -

We live in a Commercial World -

We live in a Busy World -

We live in an Artificial World -

The Greatest Substitute is Sin - it lies at the root of the whole issue. The great truth is we become like that which we worship. Unless we deal with sin, we can never enjoy this Wonderful Savior.

The dullness of life is not caused by the circumstances of life around me but the condition of my heart inside me!

2. Counselor – (Jesus Takes Care of the Decisions of Life.)

John 6:68

He is called Counselor this tells us that we are in need of counsel.

The Heart is Selfish and Deceitful.

Jer. 10:23

Jer. 17:9

The Mind is also Extremely Limited.

Rom. 12:2

When we ask for Counsel we are not asking for Luxury but a Necessity.

Jesus has All Wisdom - Col. 2:3

Col. 2:9

Jesus Encourages us - Ps. 46:1

Jesus is Patient with us - John 16:12

Jesus knows our Heart, knows the Condition of the Church -

Jesus Prays for us -

How does Jesus give us this counsel?

Through His Word - Ps. 119:24

Ps. 119:98-100

3. The Mighty God - (Jesus takes Care of the Demands of Life.)

John 10:18

Phil. 4:19

2 Cor 12:7-10

2 Chron. 16:9

whose heart is completely His. He is not looking for "a perfect heart" because they don't exist, but a devoted heart to Him; Heart that is trusting Him.

Eph. 3:20

Life is so demanding, sometimes we feel like giving up, but through Jesus Christ we have the strength that we need to continue.

4. The Everlasting Father - (Jesus Takes Care of the Dimensions of Life.)

Father - OT use means "originator of," or author of."

Jesus called Satan "The father of lies" John 8:44

Jesus is called The Everlasting Father He is the Father - Originator - of Eternity!"

John 6:68

John 3:16

When Jesus was born, time and eternity met in a person.

When Jesus died, time and eternity met in a price -

Jesus controls time.

1 John 2:17

A whole new dimension of eternity; we begin to live a whole new life with Jesus Christ.

5. Prince Of Peace – (Jesus Takes Care of the Disturbances of Life.)

Peace comes from the inside out, not from the outside in. It depends upon who is in control; Self or Christ.

Peace From The New Birth - Col. 1:20

Romans 5:1

Jesus Offers Peace And Companionship - John 14:27

Application:

1. Wonderful – Jesus is wonderful and takes the Dullness out of life.
2. Counselor – Jesus will take care of the Decisions of Life.
3. The Mighty God - Jesus who can meet the Demands of Life.
4. The Everlasting Father - Jesus takes care of the Dimensions of life.
5. Prince Of Peace - Jesus will give peace from the Disturbances of life.