

"What Child is This?"

Isaiah 9:6-7

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Most people have no idea Who Jesus Christ truly is. Isaiah leaves us no doubt as to the identity of the child mentioned in these verses.

In **Isaiah 9:1-7** we see the prophecy of Immanuel's coming. I want to preach on this question, "**What Child Is This?**" Let me point out the **truths** in this passage that answer that question for us.

1. He is the Grace of God [v. 6a].

Notice the phrase that is repeated twice in this text – "**unto us**". The same idea is repeated in New Testament references to His birth.

Matthew 1:21, And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Luke 2:11, For **unto you** is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Why God's grace? Because of what we deserve.

2. He is the Glory of God [v. 6b].

Isaiah calls this baby "**a child**" and "**a son**". The word "**child**" speaks of **His humanity**. The word "**Son**" speaks of **His deity**. Jesus Christ is literally the "**God-Man**."

Matthew 1:1, 22, 23, The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. (22) Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, (23) Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

3. He is the Greatness of God [v. 6c].

Isaiah tells us that this child will have a "**name**." Then he goes to list more than one name. The Bible gives Him at least 256 names. Why so many? One could never be sufficient to declare His glory.

Let's consider the names Isaiah gives to our Lord:

1. **Wonderful Counselor** – Word means "Supernatural, secret and extraordinary." He would have great wisdom and prudence.

Counselor This word means "to advise, counsel, purpose, devise and plan." It refers to His role as the leader and guiding force of our lives,

2. **Mighty God** – This word means "Hero" or "Warrior!" It refers to one who is "strong, mighty and invincible." He is a powerful warrior! This will especially be manifested in His second advent.

He alone is worthy to be our Hero or warrior for He has defeated all our enemies - **Death - Sin - Satan - The Grave - and Hell**

4. Everlasting Father – He is “Father of eternity, everlasting”! He is the great “I AM”! The "Alpha and Omega." Your life is tied to His and you will live as long as He does! He is our “Father.” He will be our Father forever!

5. Prince of Peace – He will rule His kingdom in peace. He is the antitype of all earthly rulers (in the bible or out of the bible). He will rule in perfect peace and righteousness in His millennial reign.

All those who know Him, know all about the peace with God and the peace of God.

Note v. 7- 4 characteristics of His rule:

1. His government will be peaceful and prosperous [7a].
2. He will fulfill the Davidic Covenant promise merging into the eternal kingdom [v. 7b].
3. His rule will be righteous [v. 7c].
4. His rule will be eternal "forever" [v. 7d].

In these names we see His person and work from his birth to the kingdom and all He did in between!

Con: What Child is this? He is the grace of God, He is the glory of God, and He is the greatness of God.

Question today is this- Do you know Him? Do you love Him? And do you serve Him?