

## THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

"What's in a Name?"

Isaiah 9:6

### INTRODUCTION:

1. **Week One:** "The Good News of Christmas"

a) **Isaiah 9:6**

1) "For unto us" - God did something **different**

2) "a child is born" - God did something **special**

3) "Unto us a son is given" - God did something **personal**

2. **Week Two:** "Jesus Will One Day Rule and Reign"

a) **Isaiah 9:6**

1) "and the government shall be upon His shoulders"

3. **Today:** "What's in a Name"

a) **Isaiah 9:6**

1) "and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor"

### I. NAMES ARE IMPORTANT

1. **Isaiah 9:6**

a) "His **name** shall be called"

2. **Names in Biblical times were Very Important.**

a) 8 days into the child's life the family would gather around and publicly announce the child's name.

b) This would be a huge ceremony.

3. In Biblical times the parents would choose a name that represented a life mission or vision they had for the child. There was a future expectation.

a) If the parents chose a name that was positive....the parents had an expectation that the child would live up to that name.

b) If the name was something negative there was an expectation that the child would live above that name.

1) Example: **Jacob** = deceiver There was an expectation to live above

c) The choosing of a name had to do with a life vision.

4. Sometimes when God would call someone, he would change the name.

a) **Example: Saul to Paul** in the N.T.

- b) **Abram** (exalted father) to **Abraham** (father of many)
  - 1) There was a change of his life vision
- c) **Jacob** (deceiver) to **Israel** (the father of the entire nation of Israel)

#### 5. *Proverbs 22:1*

- 6. When someone hears your name, they think of things immediately!!!
  - a) Things about you and your character.
  - b) About your life and your life's accomplishments.

## II. THE NAMES OF JESUS ARE MOST IMPORTANT

### 1. **Isaiah 9:6**

- a) "His name shall be called"

### 2. When the Bible tries to describe Christ and what He's like it uses names.

- a) **Names Tree chart**

### 3. All of these names are statements about Christ and who He is.

### 4. "*His name shall be called*"

- a) These are designations God wants us to know about Messiah.
  - 1) **Acts 4:12; 2:38; 3:6; 5:40; 21:13**

### 5. Names are very important, but Jesus name is **MOST IMPORTANT**

### 6. **VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION:**

- a) Do you know Jesus intimately? Or Do you just know of Him?
- b) Do you love Jesus???

  - 1) Has there been a time when Jesus moved from your head to your heart.

- c) Do you love Jesus????

  - 1) **John 14:15**
  - 2) **John 15:10**

### 7. "Have you made the transition from knowing to loving the Lord?"

- a) You must move Jesus from your head, to your heart.

### 8. **Isaiah 9:6**

- a) "*His name shall be called*"
  - 1) "**Wonderful Counselor**"

a. **Wonderful** describes the kind of counselor Jesus is.

2) "**Mighty God**"

a. **Mighty** describes the kind of God Jesus is.

3) "**Everlasting Father**"

a. **Everlasting** describes the kind of Father He is.

4) "**Prince of Peace**"

a. **Peace** describes the kind of prince Jesus is.

### III. JESUS IS THE COUNSELOR

1. The idea in scripture is a person who speaks wisdom into your life.

a) You speak...and Jesus gives wisdom.

2. **Proverbs 11:14**

3. **Proverbs 15:22**

4. **Proverbs 24:6**

5. To the Greeks wisdom was "**to know.**" But to the Hebrews Wisdom was to do.

6. We all need godly counsel in our lives.

a) There is nothing more dangerous than to have "**fleshly humanistic counsel**" in our lives.

7. There is a danger when those who don't want to hear "**Wise Counsel**" go into isolation.

a) "**Foolish thinking comes from separation and isolation from the plurality of Wisdom.**"

8. **1 Corinthians 8:1-3**

9. **Wisdom comes from:**

a) A love for Jesus that is seen in one's life.

10. **Here's how to benefit from Counsel: 4 things**

a) **#1 Yield to God's Will**

b) **#2 You must be willing to accept the fact that others may be in a better position to advise you.**

c) #3 Resign As Chairman of the Board of your life.

d) #4 Embrace the Reality that Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor

#### IV. JESUS CHRIST IS THE WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

##### 1. Isaiah 9:6

a) "*Wonderful*" - *pele'* = means "*miracle*" or "*supernatural*"

1) *Exodus 15:11*

2) *Psalm 77:15*

2. That means that Jesus does things in your life that no one else can do!!!

##### 3. *1 Corinthians 2:9*

##### 4. Isaiah 9:6

a) "*His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor*"

1) Miraculous counsel for:

a. Your faith

b. Your family

c. Your finances

d. Your future

5. **WOW!!!!** You cannot call Him "**Wonderful Counselor**" if you do not embrace his Wisdom for Yourself.

#### CONCLUSION:

1. **BIG:** "You embrace it when it becomes your lifestyle!!!"

a) Lots of people have a Bible.

b) Lots of people come to Church.

c) Lots of people claim to be Christians.

2. To embrace Jesus Christ as the Wonderful Counselor is to make His COUNSEL YOUR LIFESTYLE.