

THE PERFECT Gift

ISAIAH 9:6

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DISCUSS

"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

When we say that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, it means He is of the same essence—Jesus is God Himself. Jesus is the unique God-man; there is no other like Him in all of human history. There is no other person who is both 100% divine and 100% human. That is why only Jesus could be the Savior of the world, because God cannot die and a normal human being cannot atone for all the sins of the human race.

There are four things in Isaiah 9:6 that speak to the characteristics of Jesus that make Him the perfect gift for what a hopeless world is looking for.

The Wonderful Counselor

What does "wonderful counselor" mean? What does Jesus bring to meet the desperate needs of this world? How do you know that Jesus listens to you? How do you know that the powerful God, Jesus, can actually relate to your needs (Hebrews 2:18)? Do you know the meaning of "Immanuel?" How is Jesus an Immanuel to you?

The Mighty God

What does it mean to you that Jesus is the God who is mighty? Did He stop being God when He incarnated as the Christ-child? How does Deuteronomy 10:17 describe God? How does His being mighty and the fact that He cannot be manipulated or bought bring hope and comfort to you when rampant corruption is prevalent in our society? How is Jesus Christ your all-powerful, champion warrior who protects and fights for you?

The Everlasting Father

What does it tell you that the Messiah is eternally a Father to His people, guarding, supplying, and caring for their needs? Is this character of Jesus hard for you to understand and accept? Why? How is Jesus a Father to you? What makes Him the source of eternity?

The Prince Of Peace

Are you searching for peace in your heart amidst life's difficult circumstances? Do you find it hard to sleep in the evening because you don't have peace in your heart? What do people who have no peace in their lives usually do to get it? What does it say to you that Jesus Christ, the perfect gift at Christmas, offers true peace through His redemption and care for you for free? How does God's sovereignty give you peace?

REFLECT

What is your response to the availability of the perfect gift that Jesus offers? Have you opened it, used it, and treasured it?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, my heart is full knowing that Jesus Christ is the perfect gift because He is the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. Thank You, Lord God. You alone deserve to be worshiped. Give me the strong desire to share this free gift with people who need Him. In Christ's precious name. Amen.