

## Christmas Eve 2009 The Gift of His Son

**Intro:** We want to go back to the first reading from the evening

**Isaiah 9:6** <sup>6</sup>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.

\* Who is Isaiah writing about?

\* Exact question that an Ethiopian man asked in the Book of Acts when he was reading from Isaiah 53:

**Acts 8:34** ... "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?"

\* The next verse records Philip's response:

**Acts 8:35** <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

\* Isaiah was writing about Jesus in Chapter 53, and he was writing about Jesus in Chapter 9:

\* No Kidding you might say? What's the big deal, you might ask?

\* Well it is a big deal when we really read what Isaiah really said about who??? Jesus

\* **Unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is Given** – Son, whose Son? **Son of God!**

**Luke 1:35** And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."

**John 3:16** <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

\* **HIS name shall be called**

1. **Wonderful** – Why would his name be Wonderful?

**Matthew 1:21** <sup>21</sup>And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

**Acts 10:43** <sup>43</sup>To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."

2. **Counselor** – One who gives advice...

**John 5:24** <sup>24</sup>"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

**John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

3. **Mighty God** – Who are we speaking of??? Jesus!!! And HIS name shall be called, what??? Mighty God!!!

**John 1:1** <sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**John 1:14** <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

4. **Everlasting Father** – Now you've gone too far!!! Jesus called the Everlasting Father???

**Matthew 1:23** <sup>23</sup>"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

**John 14:8-9** <sup>8</sup>Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

5. **Prince of Peace** –

**Isaiah 53:5** <sup>5</sup>But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

**Isaiah 9:7** – Of the increase of His Government and peace there will be no end!

**Isaiah 53:10** – When you make His soul and offering for sin...the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.