

# He is ... (Isaiah 9:2-7)

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## Intro

Today we conclude our Advent series on the deity, identity, and personhood of Jesus Christ of Nazareth

This morning we finish our He is... look into the prophetic writing of Isaiah written over 700 years before the birth of the Messiah.

We see in Isaiah not simply the names of the coming Messiah but tied up in nomenclature in the Ancient world was identity and character. God's Word is showing us the nature of the Messiah. Because our God is unchanging, we know that what is true in Isaiah of the Messiah is still true today. So treasure these names in your heart today. Embrace the character of your personal Savior who was born in humble beginnings, died a criminal's death, and now sits at the right hand of God!

**Read Isaiah 9:2-7 and Pray**

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## Your Savior is Wonderful (9:6)

Say it this way... My Savior is wonderful. The word is [Pala] which means wonderful, marvelous, amazing, extraordinary and hard to understand.

Why would Holy Scripture describe the coming Child as wonderful? The Messiah is named wonderful because in Him we find our sense of wonder. Wonder is defined as a feeling of surprise mingled with admiration caused by something beautiful, unexpected, unfamiliar, or inexplicable. GK Chesterton says it best "We are perishing for lack of wonder, not for lack of wonders."

It is Christ who puts within our souls an eternal sense of beauty and admiration. I believe this sense of wonder is attacked by the enemy. We are quickly bored with the ordinary graces in our lives.

"You say grace before meals. All right. But I say grace before the concert and the opera, and grace before the play and pantomime, and grace before I open a book, and grace before sketching, painting, swimming, fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing and grace before I dip the pen in the ink."—G. K. Chesterton

Our Savior specializes in bringing wonder to the ordinary. To ordinary people and ordinary processes. Do you think the Lord ever gets bored with telling the sun to rise, the stars to shine, the ocean where to stop. Do you think the Heavenly Father gets weary of giving you breath every morning? Oh that we would reclaim our wonder in the ordinary graces of the Divine!

Our Savior is Wonderful and amazing because I cannot comprehend the love and mercy he has towards sinners such as I.

He is wonderful hard to understand because I do not understand why He extend mercy to people living in rebellion.

Jesus is the answer to spiritual boredom. Oh today that we would declare to satisfy our lives in Christ in such a way as to never lose my sense of wonder in

his Word and daily ordinary graces. That our daily routines, conversations, and ordinary lives would be marked by the Wonderful Messiah. Who is Amazing, Marvelous, and extraordinary.

**Reclaim your Wonder today. It is found in the live giving Spirit of the Living God.**

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## **Your Savior Is Counselor (9:6)**

The word in Hebrew is [Ya-as] which means advise, counsel, purpose, plan, and determine.

The nature of Christ is one of counselor. This does not mean that Jesus gives good advice that you should include in your life to do better. Rather He is the perfect counselor who is the source for the greatest wisdom I can trust. So we do not seek counsel in the Word of God to help our behavior we seek the Word because in it we find a source of life in Christ.

He is counselor/the plan. From the foundation of the world Jesus was ordained to be our redemption. Before the foundations of the world He was the plan/counselor. If Jesus is the plan then I must plan my life around him.

Oh that we would daily orientate our lives around the SON as our **world orients around the sun. The gravity of the Sun keeps the planets in their orbits. They stay in their orbits because there is no other force in the Solar System which can stop them. Likewise a life lived in the plan of Christ is aligned properly and there is no other force in this world greater than the love, grace, and mercy of Jesus!**

This is the beauty of the Son of Man. IF Jesus is the plan of God to redeem the world; if for the Christ follower to live is Christ then a life in Christ is to have a

plan for my life because the plan is my life. Know that God has a plan for you. His plan is one of redemption and hope. His plan is for you to follow His Son. His plan is to guide your steps. He is the wonderful COUNSELOR. Do you trust his counsel? Are you seeking His plan and purpose?

**Would you pray: Lord today be my guide. Oh that we would daily ask have I let the Lord direct and determine my steps today. Lord we trust your counsel because you are the Holy and Perfect Counselor.**

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## **Your Savior Is Mighty God (9:6)**

We see in the mighty name of God a designation of strength. Often this word is used for a mighty warrior or the strength of the Lord. You see, the Christian life, the Messiah Himself was not a weak savior. Rather He defeated the greatest enemies the world has ever known. In one moment He defeated death, wiped away your sin, and was raised to life because of His righteous Might.

Remember: Our God is strength. And He is strong enough to save you from anything you have fallen into and save you from your deepest sins and turmoil.

Life in Christ = a life in strength. This is a secret of the Christian life. True strength is always found in the cross of Jesus Christ. So then why do we often live as if we are denying the might of our Lord? Why do we act as if we are powerless before our cravings, addictions, sins, relationships, and enemies? If Christ is with you who can be against you? If you are born again in Christ you are born in strength

**2Cor. 4:7** But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. **8** *We are* hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; **9** persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— **10** always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

He is strength that in our weakness He may become strong. **2 Cor 12:9** And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**Whose strength are you relying upon today? To rely upon your own might denies the faith and downplays the strength of Christ. Rest in His Strength today. Know this – Life in Christ is life of Strength and Might because our Savior is Mighty God**

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## **Your Savior IS Eternal Father (9:6)**

Finally we see in the Child born for you, this Son given for you an Eternal Father.

Why father? Because our God is personal. He is not abstract. He is not made of stone. He is our Father because a father has Sons and Daughters. In Christ we are adopted as Heirs of salvation. **Do you relate to God as Father or as an impersonal deity?** Oh do not miss the joy of drawing near your heavenly Father.

HE is eternal father because he has no limit. Every earthly father has limitations. Not our heavenly father. **Remember when you used to get made and the ultimate trump card was: "my dad can beat up your dad?"** Now think how much more this is true of your heavenly father. He is the ultimate trump card. HE trumps our sin, shame, and regrets. Don't put limits on the love or plans of the father for you. HE is limitless and eternal! Don't limit the father in your life!

He is eternal Father because there is nothing that can break the bonds of his fatherly love. In Christ, not even my rebellion or backsliding can break His Fatherhood. Child return to the father today!

He is eternal Father that challenges every earthly father to model to their families the fatherhood of Christ.

**Remember: No one is greater than your eternal Dad.**

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## **How will I respond?**

He is Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, prince of peace.

Only a son can call upon his father. Are you His child? Jesus died to restore our broken relationships. Believe—repent—trust-confess (mouth and baptism)

Is He YOUR Savior this morning?

Have you lost the Wonder of the Savior? Find it today.

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## Notes

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## Thoughts

- His name/identity/character is Peace
- Peace increases with Christ
  - With Christ peace is constantly increasing
  - Is my life more peaceful today than yesterday?
- There is no end to His Peace
  - Peace that begins with Jesus has no end
  - Peace that does not begin with Jesus will end
  - In the end we all look for peace
- He is Prince
  - A prince is a ruler
  - Satan = prince of darkness

- **11** Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the tactics of the Devil. **12** For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers (principalities) , against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens. (Eph 6:12)
- principality = from the latin meaning "region or state ruled by a prince" attested by c1400.
- **Rev. 2:12** "Write to the angel of the church in Pergamum:
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- "The One who has the sharp, double-edged sword says: **13** I know where you live—where Satan's throne is! And you are holding on to My name and did not deny your faith in Me, even in the days of Antipas, My faithful witness who was killed among you, where Satan lives.
  - Only one prince can rule at a time
  - When he rules and reigns my life/heart/soul is at peace
- Peace is a construct Prince-Peace
  - His hyphen name (think southern mary-sue, bobby-rae)
  - You cant separate Jesus from peace
  - You cant separate peace from Jesus
  - A longing for peace = a longing for Christ
- I need peace when at war
  - My soul is at war against God
  - Jesus brings reconciliation
  - Some have seen and will never discuss the horrors they have experience in the battlefield.
    - How much darker is the war for my soul?
- Peace/Shalom = wholeness and right order
  - He puts my life in order
  - Do you ever get nervous at a new restaurant?
    - We don't have to order something new daily
  - If Christ is over us and in us then he orders. We taste and see that He is good.
    - Let him order for you
  - It is Jesus Christ that puts me in right standing before God. (Justification)
- Peace is intentional
  - He was not just born. He was born FOR/TO us. To you! To me!
  - This metaphysical abstract idea of "world peace" is impossible. We wont just all get along. You cant even get along with yourself!



- Rather peace is deliberate and Advent was an intentional peace bomb in a world filled with chaos.

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## Illustration

Only one king/prince can rule at a time. King of the mountain. Am I trying to run back up the hill and claim a spot that is no longer mine?

Prince = the son of a monarch. Christ is not only the Son of the King He is also the King. Jesus is not a king in waiting. He is the King and he is ready to rule in your life.

Am I like prince John the phony king of England?

We have a debt of gratitude for those who have served for our freedom especially those in war. They have seen things in war that no man or woman should ever have to experience, all in the name of Peace. How much greater is the war for our soul and eternal destiny. This war is eternal. This war is at the core of our being. We don't need peace unless we are at war. Beloved we are at war!

If Christ is over us and in us then he orders. We taste and see that He is good. Let him order for you. My personal philosophy when at a new eatery is to order the chef special. I am not sure if I will like what is offered by I am trusting the expert. Give me your best. It is the same way with the Lord. We effecting say

by making Him Lord “I need your peace and I trust you to order my life in a way that brings peace.”