

REVIVE CHURCH—5 FACETS OF JESUS (ISAIAH 9)

Isaiah 7:14 (NKJV) “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6-7- 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.

⁷ Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah’s prophetic word concerning Jesus Christ, His birth, rule and reign. Unto us a child is born refers to His humanity. Unto us a Son is given refers to His deity. **(The Gospel message of John 3:16 right here—a Son is given)...** The promise is that the government of God which means the rule or dominion of God will rest upon Him. Jesus is the only one worthy to carry all dominion all rule.

Isaiah 9 prophetically highlights five specifics concerning Jesus that emphasizes who He is and the impact of His reign. Jesus names in Scripture are always significant and define attributes of His character and nature. This word given by God through the prophet Isaiah hundreds of years before His birth looks at the birth of Jesus as well as the end of the age and the full impact of Jesus leadership as He will impact every living thing created when He returns.

Jesus is the King and His government is the kingdom of God which is an everlasting kingdom! Under His perfect leadership and government the world will be fully impacted by His wonder, His counsel, His might, His Fathering and His peace of which there will be no end.

One thing we must highlight even as we look forward to His second coming is that those who have been saved by His grace have this kingdom at work presently in them and through them. His church is meant to experience these facets of His leadership in this age! *The kingdom of God is within you (Luke 17:21), the Kingdom of God is at hand (Matthew 3:2) It is my pleasure to give you the kingdom! (Luke 12:32) are All words of Jesus!*

Jesus is Wonderful—and is meant to provoke wonder in His church

Wonderful means—Extraordinary, marvelous, hard to comprehend, miraculous. Jesus is all together wonderful, He is all together lovely, He is impossible to fully comprehend. He is the wonderful One that no one can be compared to. When others ask what our Savior and King is

like we should light up and say He is wonderful. **He is filled and overflowing with wonders** We will find ourselves being strengthened in the Lord as we behold how wonderful He truly is. His life death and resurrection are miraculous and fill us with awe and expectation

- **Exodus 15:11** (NKJV) “Who [is] like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who [is] like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders?”
- **Acts 2:22** (NKJV) “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—
- **Luke 2:47** (NKJV) And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

Jesus is wonderful, His works are marvelous and provoke wonder, His eternal plan of salvation, restoration, His leadership, His judgments, His mind, His passions. Everything that He does falls under the truth that He is wonderful! He is an extraordinary God! It strengthens our hearts to meditate upon His wonders. The churches response to the wonder of Jesus Christ should be one of fascination and expectation!

Jesus is Counselor-

The Father sent the Son to counsel us, He gave us His word to counsel us, He gave us the Holy Spirit to be our counselor. God always has something to say! Jesus the Word of God came to bring this truth to life. **We are to hear the voice of the shepherd and follow, we are designed to lean into Him and listen.** He will direct our paths, Jesus will keep us from temptation, He is the illuminating light that breaks darkness and confusion. We can sit in His presence and hear His whisper. Jesus does not leave us alone to figure it out, He counsels us.

- **Psalm 33:11** ¹¹ The **counsel** of the Lord stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations.
- **Isaiah 30:21**- Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This *is* the way, walk in it,” Whenever you turn to the right hand Or whenever you turn to the left.
- **John 10:27** (NKJV) “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.
- **Song of Songs 5:2** (NKJV) The Shulamite I sleep, but my heart is awake; [It is] the voice of my beloved! He knocks, [saying,] “Open for me, my sister, my love, My dove, my perfect one; For my head is covered with dew, My locks with the drops of the night.”

We need to step into the practice of simply listening to Jesus, this is discipleship, getting our direction from Him prior to seeking any other counsel.

The bride's response to the leadership of Jesus is to be yes and amen, listen and obey.

Jesus is Mighty God-

He is powerful, the Almighty, Champion, Victor, hero. He backs up His word with the fullness of His strength. Jesus brought revelation to the world of the power of God. Everything He said will be accomplished in His time, even death bowed to Jesus Christ. **Heaven and earth were made by Him and will bow before Him in recognition of the truth that Jesus is fully God!** Jesus life should not be mentioned without talking about the power He walked in to destroy the works of the enemy and release the works of the Kingdom.

- **Luke 6:19** (NKJV) And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed [them] all.
- **Colossians 1:15-16** (NKJV) 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

This is the mark of the New Testament church- **Acts 1:8** (NKJV) "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Jesus did not present a powerless Gospel, He introduced the Kingdom of God, marked by the power of God. Jesus destroyed the work of the devil and manifested the work of God and He releases His ministry unto all believers.

Jesus is Everlasting Father-He governs and leads as a Father and relates to His church in the context of family.

This expresses Christ fatherly care. This is not in conflict with the first person of the trinity. Jesus Himself taught us to pray "our Father". **The unity of Jesus and the Father is so beautiful in that If you have seen Jesus, you have seen the Father (John 14:9), I and the Father are one (John 10:30).** Jesus didn't just teach people, He stepped into Father them, to hold them, love them, to show compassion. If you want to know what the Father is like look at the Son.

Paul stated you have many teachers but not many Fathers, Jesus leads as a wonderful Father and His intent is that everyone would know Him in this way! The Holy Spirit releases sonship in the life of the believer so we will know the love of the Father. Just as Jesus Fathered the 12, He Fathers us.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace-

He is the general, governor, keeper, lord, master of shalom.

Shalom is completeness, wholeness, not just the absence of something but the presence of someone.

⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end,

Isaiah connects Jesus government (Kingdom of God) directly to peace. The Prince of peace will fully establish peace in the nations.

The Hebrew word for peace is Shalom and it describes wholeness. Every aspect of life being fully saturated by the peace of God.

Kingdom of God does not offer a peace that glosses over, rather it comes against all false ideology and every idea, stronghold and principality that comes against the truth of Jesus.

John 16:33 (NKJV) “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Peace that crushes Satan

Romans 16:20 – NKJV. And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen

Understand when Jesus comes in the fullness of His power rule and reign every demonic system will be crushed, every high place of idolatrous worship torn down, every blasphemous leader removed, every wrong thing made right. Every person, system, strategy of the enemy will be crushed by God and His people, all creation will be purified, redeemed and set free to worship and be filled with His glory. Jesus came in peace as a baby but beloved He was a baby once, that is a historical fact. He is coming back in the full strength of the power and wrath of God to bring an everlasting peace that will not be challenged.

Do you know Him in these ways? Have you received Jesus Christ, been forgiven of your sins and is He ruling and reigning within you now? Have you been born again by the Spirit of the living God? Living in His fullness means being anchored to the Name, nature of Jesus Christ. This understanding comes as we experience Him in these ways. As His beloved, as those who have stepped out of death and into life because we have received His salvation and are yielded to His Lordship. Now we get to experience these aspects of our Savior through the power of the Holy Spirit. To live fascinated with His wonder, to be led by His

counsel, to be impacted by His might, to intimately experience God as a son and daughter, to abide in His peace.

Home group questions

How is the Incarnation essential to our faith?

Spend this week sharing personal testimony of how Jesus is:

1. Wonderful
2. Counselor
3. Prince of Peace
4. Everlasting Father
5. Prince of peace

Have you personally experienced Him in all of these ways?

Discuss the prophecy of Isaiah 9:6-7 and what it will be like when Jesus rules and reigns in the fullness of His power. What are you most looking forward too?

Discuss- Jesus came in peace as a baby but He is coming back in the full strength of the power and wrath of God to bring an everlasting peace that will not be challenged.

Are you living a life that releases these 5 facets of Jesus ministry on a regular basis? Do you have faith that Holy Spirit can bring revelation of Jesus Christ through you?