

December 17th message “Living in the Messianic Kingdom”

Isaiah:

Isaiah 6:13 Israel is a tree cut down and burned; but the scorched stump is a holy seed.

New growth will come from it and bring about the physical messianic reign; Isaiah 54-55 says that the people who accept God’s free gift are the holy seed.

We are a new and holy shoot, that is stuck inside the charred remains of it’s former life.

The closer you get to God, the more you realize you’re broken & sinful. (Isaiah recognized how sinful he was when he was in God’s presence.)

Our righteousness is filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6) and will NOT give us peace (Shalom) that God desires for us.

Shalom— where complex moving pieces, responsibilities, and relationships in our lives are in put order and made whole.

It is essential for us to live as that holy seed in the grace and mercy of God that brings council, authority, belonging, and Peace (Shalom), and also recognize our that we must continually be saved and redeemed because, for the time on this earth, we are still stuck in that charred stump of our former lives.

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.”

Isaiah 9:6-7 ESV

- ❖ Jesus has fulfilled Isaiah 9:6 in the lives of His followers, and it will be fully physically realized at Jesus' 2nd coming.
 - Messianic Kingdom—Luke 1:32-33
 - Government on His shoulders—Ephesians 1:21-22
 - (*And his name shall be called* — That is, he shall be: the following titles are not to be taken as His name, but as a description of his glorious nature and qualities)
 - Wonderful Counselor—1 Peter 1:10-12
 - Almighty God—Jeremiah 23:6; John 1:1; Romans 9:5
 - Everlasting Father—John 1:3 / Father of God's Children—Hebrews 2:13
 - Prince of Peace—Isaiah 53:5; Ephesians 2:14-15; John 14:27; John 16:33/

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”
John 14:27 ESV

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”
John 16:33 ESV