



And He Shall Be Called Series Part 1

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What is the beginning? Perhaps one would state that the reference to “what is the beginning?” is incorrect and that it should be stated as “where is the beginning?” But the Apostle John, however, thought otherwise. For he stated in John Chapter one, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.”

So the great question doesn't involve “where” but rather “what”, or perhaps more specifically stated as “whom”. The beginning of all existence

is found in Him, the Word was made Flesh and Dwelled amongst Men. The very essence of God formed the Universe and all that is in it, but still found time in eternity past to predetermine the purpose and the intent of all creation.

The Word predetermined to become flesh and bone and to lay aside His heavenly throne to step into the world that He created to restore a relationship that had been doomed. It is with this heart of intent that caused the Apostle John to gain a depth of revelation about this God Man named Jesus. The great Theanthropos stepped into the Earth and allowed man to walk with Him and talk with Him. He, the Word, made good on His promise of sending a propitiation for Sin, which subsequently was Himself.

The Word made Flesh was willing to die upon a Cross so that the Word, being made manifest in Spirit, could live within the Heart of Man again. And the beauty found in this truth is that the Word allowed John to rest his head upon His bosom. John was allowed to rest upon the Word. Think about that this morning; when is the last time that you simply rested upon His Word? His promises are yes and amen.

And in this difficult season that we are all in with the fear of tragedy seeming to be upon every horizon, we are all seeking rest for our minds, our hearts, our very souls. The Prophet Isaiah was given a Prophetic

glimpse when he penned the words found in Isaiah chapter 9 and it is this glimpse that gives us Hope; a Hope that will not put us to shame.

(Please Stand For The Reading Of God's Word)

Isaiah 9:1-7 - But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For 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. ⁷Of 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.”

(Let Us Pray... You May Be Seated)

Over the next several weeks we are going to dissect Verse 6 as we dive deeper into the Titles that are provided to us that are descriptive in nature: Namely, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.

These names provided are definitive in nature that reveals to us that He is Wonderful, He is Mighty, and He is Everlasting! He is the Archaeo, He is the Ancient One who flung the Stars into their Celestial Sockets and holds the Universe in the Palm of His Hand. But today, I want to focus in on His Divine Nature as being our Wonderful Counselor!

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, Counselor is defined as a person who gives advice or counseling, as a lawyer who gives advice in law or manages cases for clients in court, or as one who has supervisory duties. A counselor is not one who coddles, condones or ignores a problem but rather addresses it for the sake of restoration and restitution. And if Christ is our wonderful counselor then we should expect the same.

Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit to be just that; our Wonderful Counselor. Jesus said in the Gospel of Saint John 16:13, “When the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the Things that are to come.” The Spirit of Truth is our Counselor and Guide that will lead us into all truth! The Holy Ghost will NEVER lead us into Error.

But we must remember that if Christ, by way of the Holy Spirit, is our Wonderful Counselor then He will not coddle, condone nor ignore a problem or issue in our lives but rather, as our Wonderful Counselor, He will address the issues of our lives so we can walk in His Blessings upon our lives. Remember what I taught a few weeks ago about the Provision of God regarding Jesus multiplying the Loaves and the Fish; Provision follows Order and where there is a Lack of Order there will be a Lack of Provision. So with that said, Point #1...

1. If He is our Wonderful Counselor then remember that a Counselor Corrects!

- a. Proverbs 11:14 - Where there is no guidance, a people fall, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.
- b. There is Safety in Guidance and Correction because when these two are absent in our lives then failure is imminent!
- c. Correction is not Hateful but rather it is needful and it keeps your life on course. If you are uncorrectable then you are incapable of ever being usable.
- d. The Bible declares in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." And a part of training is Correcting and it is the correction of the Lord that builds us up to not depart from the truth.

- e. The Gospel of Saint John 16:8-10 records, “⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”
- f. There are those who claim that the Holy Spirit doesn't convict of Sin in the lives of Believers anymore because their sins have already been atoned for and that the Holy Spirit only convicts those who are in the world of their sins. But this simply isn't true.
- g. If the Holy Spirit will convict those who are not His children of their sins, then do we honestly think that He will not correct those who are His Children?
- h. “Well Pastor, we are all God's children” No we are not. If you are born again then you are a child of God; if you are not born again then you are not a child of God.
- i. Notice the Words of Jesus found in the Gospel of Saint John 8:39-47, “³⁹ They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, ⁴⁰ but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. ⁴¹ You are doing the works your father

did.” They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father (IF YOU WERE GOD’S CHILDREN), you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶ Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

- j. **THESE ARE THE VERY WORDS OF JESUS HIMSELF!**
- k. Just because you are a creation of God does not mean that you are a child of God and just because you are religious does not mean that you are redeemed! Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor and Counselors Correct.
- l. Proverbs 3:11-12 - ¹¹ My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, ¹² for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

- m. If you are not being corrected by the Spirit of God then you are not a Child of God because the Lord reproveth and corrects those whom He loves... (Shout It With Me; THE HOLY GHOST IS IMPORTANT!)
- n. But not only does our Wonderful Counselor Correct Us, He also Coaches Us! So Point #2...

2. If He is our Wonderful Counselor then remember that a Counselor Coaches!

- a. Proverbs 24:6 - for by wise guidance you can wage your war, and in the abundance of counselors there is victory.
- b. There is Victory in being Coachable! If you won't listen then you won't succeed. You show me a person who will not receive correction and coaching and I'll show you a person who will die having not fulfilled their purpose.
- c. If you are too good to be corrected then you are not good enough to be a leader. If you want Victory then you have to be coachable.
- d. Romans 8:26-27 - "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep to be words. And he who searches the hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

- e. The Holy Ghost wasn't given with the primary purpose of allowing us to speak in tongues and prophecy but rather to be a very present help in a time of need. Note the opening statement of verse 26, "The Spirit helps us in our weakness."
- f. A great coach isn't great because he can harness the strength of his players but rather what makes a great coach is when he can develop the weaknesses of his team.
- g. Coaches aren't there to highlight your strengths because your strengths always take care of themselves; coaches are there to highlight your weaknesses because it is your weaknesses that need development and determine Victory or Defeat in your life
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- h. You need the voice of the Holy Ghost in your personal life as well as through the lives of other people. You do not have a corner on the market and you are not the only person that the Spirit of God flows through so learn to discern the Voice of the Lord through the Words of other people. Your breakthrough may be just on the other side of a God ordained conversation.
(Make it personal - working with my staff and board)
- i. Mark Twain said it best, "If God intended us to talk more than listen, he would have given us two mouths and one ear." (SAY IT AGAIN)

- j. We all desire the Gifts of the Spirit but few of us ever acquire the Gift of Listening... My question for all of us today and you need to do an honest assessment here before you answer it, “Are You Correctable and Are You Coachable?” Remember Provision flows from Order and Order is made manifest by Correction and Direction.
- k. But not only do we need His Correction and His Coaching, Point #3...

(Pastor Brad, if you will come)

3. If He is our Wonderful Counselor then remember that a Counselor Comforts...

- a. 2 Corinthians 1:3 - 7 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. ⁶If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken, for

we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.”

- b. Did you know that we have access to Comfort in the Midst of Affliction? And our comfort doesn't come from self-help but rather from His Divine Help!
- c. We all desire comfort without conflict but we see the true power of God while under pressure. Church family, we are all praying for Revival in our Nation but I feel lead to state emphatically that Revival will not come without great pressure and I fear that there are days of great pressure in our future as a Nation.
- d. As a church body, we should pray and prepare our individual homes and this House, this church body, for the days ahead. Revival has always been the byproduct of pressure driving people to a posture of prayer and church, we need to pray.
- e. But far too often we all find ourselves simply seeking comfort not realizing that we are comforted even in the Midst of Crisis and Conflict, notice verse 5, “For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.”
- f. And there are many of you today that are under great pressure and you need a touch from the Lord and I want to lay hands on you, anoint you with oil, and pray for you.