

September 9th – The Names of Jesus

“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.” (Isa. 9:6)

In the midst of pronounced judgment, God provided His people with hope – a Son who would come from God. Of course, we know that Jesus was and is the Son of God. Prophesied hundreds of years before His coming, here the Word of God tells us that Jesus would be called “Wonderful.” The Hebrew word translated “wonderful” means marvelous, extraordinary, and hard to understand. Jesus Christ is so amazing that we could not even understand Him apart from the illuminating power of the Holy Spirit!

Isaiah also prophesied that Jesus would be called “Counselor.” On the night before Jesus died, Jesus promised that He would not leave His followers as orphans, but that He would send them the Holy Spirit who would guide them into all truth (John 16:13). When we are in need of counsel, we should always begin with our Savior and His inerrant Word. Jesus is also identified as “Mighty God.” This stands as proof that Jesus was and is completely and fully God. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1).

The Son of God is also called “Everlasting Father.” This is not to say that Jesus is the Heavenly Father, but that He acts fatherly towards all those who surrender to Him. Just as a father loves and sacrifices for His child, so Christ loves and sacrifices for those who belong to His Father. And of course we can’t miss the “Prince of Peace.” Remember that Jesus was able to stop the winds and waves by saying “Peace, be still” (Mark 4:39). Just as he brought peace to the waters, He can bring peace to your life.