

Unto me a child is born

Isaiah 9:1-7// November 28th, 2021

DISCUSSION QUESTION

In your own hearts, does Christmas produce a sense of hope or loneliness?

God's people walked in darkness. But the hope of Christmas shines bright beyond their circumstances. How does that hope come? Verses 4-7 explain.

We see in this passage and the scope of Scripture that God often chooses the weak and marginal to work through. He comes as a baby! In your story, has God used parts of your life that you never thought he could?

Ray Ortlund says this about verse 6, *“As the Wonderful Counselor, he has the best ideas and strategies. Let's follow him. As the Mighty God, he defeats his enemies easily. Let's hide behind him. As the Everlasting Father, he loves us endlessly. Let's enjoy him. As the Prince of Peace, he reconciles us while we are still his enemies. Let's welcome his dominion.”*

The Gospel is that “unto you a child is born!” In what areas of your life do you need to believe that?

We all experience seasons in our lives where it feels very dark; where it's hard to be hopeful. How can this passage point us to hope, no matter what it is we are encountering?

“We are sinful, but God saves sinners. We are in darkness, but light is coming. In the former time, there was gloom. But in the latter time is glory. From gloom to glory. That's the gospel.” - Ray Ortlund

Announcements

Members' covenants due Dec 1st for all members not installed in 2021.

Membership class Saturday Dec 4th, 10am-noon in the Fellowship Hall.