

IV. PRINCE OF PEACE (9:6d)

Jesus is Messiah not just for Israel, but the world. His government ushers in righteousness and justice (Zechariah 9:10; Luke 2:14). Christ IS our Peace, made peace, and *sends* us as peacemakers. Peace is not the absence of troubles but the presence of a Savior! (Ephesians 2:14).

This promise was not fulfilled in Ahaz's son, Hezekiah (hence, sign in 7:12) given and "the Son" is eternal hence not born but is "given". His *child*-likeness - innocence, dependence, confidence - is embodied and evident in his title of *Immanuel* (7:14) where God is revealed/experienced as "with us", and we, His subjects, must reflect this reality. Jesus' ministry from the gloomy Galilee of the Gentiles has brought redemption, hope and the "Joy" of salvation to the world (Matthew 4:15, 28:20)! God Himself, in Christ, and by the Spirit is with us. Christ's name is above all names as our blessed Redeemer. Our glorious Lord is coming again as King of kings. So, are you ready?!

CONCLUSION: Have you received Jesus as your Savior?

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18

CHRISTMAS WITH ISAIAH The Character Of Christ, Our Savior! Dr. Chris Gnanakan

INTRODUCTION

- A. The book of Isaiah was written by the prophet Isaiah (1:1) over seven hundred years before the first coming of Jesus, the Savior. It represents a summary of the entire Bible.
- B. Isaiah is called the "Fifth Gospel" because the New Testament use of the word "gospel", which means good news, is rooted in Isaiah's use of it.

"O Zion, You who bring good tidings, Get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Isaiah 40:9

"Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Isaiah 52:9

Against the backdrop of God's judgment, Isaiah proclaims the good news of the Savior. This promise was fulfilled through "a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11).

This four part series features the following messages:

Dec 8	The Sign Of The Savior
TODAY	The Character Of The Savior
Dec 22	The Sacrifice Of The Savior
Dec 29	The Mission Of The Savior

- C. **TEXT:** Isaiah 9:6-7 (Pew Bible/Pg 617/Old Test.)

THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR!

This is a poetic promise and visionary revelation of Messiah's reign and mission! God Himself will accomplish this through the supernatural birth of a baby boy from the Davidic line. This King's character is seen in his eternal reign that is all-wise, almighty, worldwide and missional. It is characterized by:

- peace & prosperity
- providence & protection
- righteousness & justice

The attributes assigned to this Davidic king, clarifies both Messiah's humanity and divinity. The burden of governance and authority is on Christ, and his four-fold royal qualities enable it...

I. WONDERFUL COUNSELOR (9:6a)

His divine wisdom, greater than Solomon's, makes his messianic rule marvelous! Christ is the Wisdom of God and "in Him" are hid all the treasures of knowledge. *Do you lack wisdom to solve problems, or need counsel?" Ask Him!* (Proverbs 8:14; Jeremiah 18:18; Colossians 2:3).

II. MIGHTY GOD (9:6b)

Messiah will justly execute God's righteous plan. He is Jacob's, and our Warrior-King and Strong One, able deliver and protector of his covenant people. Are you weak? Experiencing loss or setbacks? He is mighty to save and "atoned" for all peoples' sin (Deuteronomy 10:17, Daniel 9:27).

III. EVERLASTING FATHER (9:6c)

A unique name, separate from God the Father. Jesus is the Source of all life, unlike earthly kings, he is without equal or successor – the eternal redeeming Son who God sent forth, Mary brought forth in the fullness of time (Galatians 4:4). *Is Christ your divine Caregiver?*