



WOLBI Isaiah Class Themes

- Hour-1: ISIAH-What Was Jesus & Paul's FAVORITE Book of the OT? (1-66)
- Hour-2: ABANDONED-How Does God DESCRIBE AN Ungodly Culture? (1-5)
- Hour-3: CONSECRATION-How God Prepares Us to Reach Our Godless Culture (6)
- Hour-4: MESSIAH-The Fulfillment of All God's Promises (7-12)
- Hour-5: WRATH-When God Pours His Wrath Upon Earth in Great Tribulation (13,24-27)
- Hour-6: COSMIC WARFARE-How Did Lucifer Became Satan? (14)
- Hour-7: JUSTICE-How Does God Respond to National Sins? (15-23, 28-35)
- Hour-8: PRAYER-Hezekiah's Big Problem Assyria & the Destroyer From the Pit (36-39)

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- Hour-9: INSPIRATION-The Powerful Word of Our Awesome God (40)
- Hour-10: THEOLOGY-The Powerful Character of Our Awesome God (40)
- Hour-11: PROPHECY-God Left the Map of the Future (41-48)
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Christ Shown 17x in Isaiah

7:14 (Matthew 1:22–23); **9:1–2** (Matthew 4:12–16); **9:6** (Luke 2:11; Ephesians 2:14–18); **11:1** (Luke 3:23, 32; Acts 13:22–23); **11:2** (Luke 3:22); **28:16** (1 Peter 2:4–6); **40:3–5** (Matthew 3:1–3); **42:1–4** (Matthew 12:15–21); **42:6** (Luke 2:29–32); **50:6** (Matthew 26:67; 27:26, 30); **52:14** (Philippians 2:7–11); **53:3** (Luke 23:18; John 1:11; 7:5); **53:4–5** (Romans 5:6, 8); **53:7** (Matthew 27:12–14; John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:18–19); **53:9** (Matthew 27:57–); **53:12** (Mark 15:28); **61:1** (Luke 4:17–19, 21).

CHRIST IN ISAIAH

The Book of Isaiah presents one of the most startling examples of messianic prophecy in the Old Testament. With vivid imagery, Isaiah depicts the future Christ as the Suffering Servant who was “led as a lamb to the slaughter” (53:7) and “shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities” (53:11).

Other messianic prophecies found in Isaiah with New Testament fulfillments include 7:14 (Matthew 1:22–23); 9:1–2 (Matthew 4:12–16); 9:6 (Luke 2:11; Ephesians 2:14–18); 11:1 (Luke 3:23, 32; Acts 13:22–23); 11:2 (Luke 3:22); 28:16 (1 Peter 2:4–6); 40:3–5 (Matthew 3:1–3); 42:1–4 (Matthew 12:15–21); 42:6 (Luke 2:29–32); 50:6 (Matthew 26:67; 27:26, 30); 52:14 (Philippians 2:7–11); 53:3 (Luke 23:18; John 1:11; 7:5); 53:4–5 (Romans 5:6, 8); 53:7 (Matthew 27:12–14; John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:18–19); 53:9 (Matthew 27:57–); 53:12 (Mark 15:28); 61:1 (Luke 4:17–19, 21).

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ISAIAH OUTLINED: God's Expectations of His People & God's Future Plans for His People

I. Our Mighty God Chastening His People 1-39

- A. God, Sin, Culture & Consecration (1-6)
- B. The Messiah Promised (7-12)
- C. The Nations Judged (13-23)
- D. The Tribulation Foretold (24-27)
- E. The Woes against Judah (28-35)
- F. God's Powerful Hand Shown to Hezekiah (36-39)

II. Our Merciful God Comforting His People 40-66

- A. God Promises Restoration (40-48)
- B. God Offers Salvation through the Messiah (49-57)
- C. God Describes the Millennium (58-66)

KEY CHAPTERS

- 1. The Throne of God 6**
- 2. The Messiah: His Incarnation 7, 9**
- 3. The Doom of Babylon & Lucifer 13-14**
- 4. The Tribulation 24-27**
- 5. Greatest Prophecy: Letter to Cyrus 45**
- 6. The Messiah: His Atonement 53**
- 7. Second Coming (63) & Millennium (65-66)**

The Old Testament Chronologically Arranged

Books:	Historical	Poetical	Prophetic
	GENESIS <i>Beginnings</i>	JOB	
LEVITICUS <i>Worship</i>	EXODUS <i>Redemption</i>		
DEUTERONOMY <i>Review</i>	NUMBERS <i>Wanderings</i>		
	JOSHUA <i>Success</i>		To Nineveh: JONAH
RUTH <i>Faith & Love</i>	JUDGES <i>Failure</i>		To Israel: AMOS HOSEA JOEL
	1 SAMUEL <i>Preparation</i>	K I P SALMS (David)	To Edom: OBADIAH
	2 SAMUEL <i>Establishment</i>	N G P ROVERBS ECCLESIASTES SONG OF SOL.	To Judah: ISAIAH MICAH NAHUM HABAKKUK ZEPHANIAH JEREMIAH
1-2 CHRON. <i>God's Evaluation</i>	1 KINGS <i>Division</i>	D D L AMENTATIONS	
	2 KINGS <i>Loss</i>		
70 Years of Captivity			
ESTHER <i>Faith & Courage</i>	EZRA <i>Temple</i>	E C T L E K	EZEKIEL DANIEL
	NEHEMIAH <i>Wall</i>		HAGGAI ZECHARIAH MALACHI

SACRED HISTORY:

"Everything Happened Sometime"



Isaiah Class Work:

20 Points	1. Read the entire Book of Isaiah once.
50 Points	2. Do the 10 chapter Isaiah Project
5 Points	3. Learn the verse Isaiah 53:6
10 Points	4. Take two quizzes (over class notes)
<u>15 Points</u>	5. Take Final Exam (Outline & key chapters)
100 Points	

Twenty Messianic Prophecies (Only exceeded by the Psalms!)

1. Incarnation: 9:6; 7:14
2. Youth in Nazareth: 7:15; 9:1-2; 11:1; 53:2 Anointed as Servant of the Lord: 11:2
3. Miracles: 35:5-6
4. Deity, eternity, preexistence, creatorship, omnipotence, omnipresence: 40:12-18; 51:13
5. Chosen; delighted in: 42:1
6. Mild manner: 42:2
7. Ministering kindness: 42:3; (Matthew 12:18-20)
8. Obedience: 50:5
9. Sufferings: 50:6; 52:14
10. Ascension: 52:13
11. Gathering to exultation: 52:13-15
12. Rejection by Israel: 53:1-3
13. Shame, struck, bruised: 53:4-6
14. Vicarious death: 53:8
15. Burial: 53:9
16. Resurrection: 53:10
17. Spiritual progeny: 53:10
18. High Priestly ministry: 53:12
19. Future glory: 59:20; 63:1-6; 66:15-19 (Not mentioned as a servant after Chapter 53)
20. Message: 61:1,2

Chapter 7-10: Christ's Birth and Glorious Reign

Chapter 9

Christ's Birth and Glorious Reign

1] The very region where Assyrian armies brought darkness and death would be the first to rejoice in the light brought by the preaching of Christ: Mt 4:15-16.

“So in the latter time he hath brought honor on the way of the sea”: Nazareth = head of Zebulon.

The Way of the sea = Geneseret, Num 34:11; Galilee, John 6:1.

Galilee: “debatable” ground: 1 Kgs 9:10; Josh 20:7; 21:32. 2] Darkness: Cf. 8:22.

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Zebulon =

Nazareth: Lk 4:16:21.

Galilee: Jn 2:11; 4:54 - 1st miracle. Quote: Capernaum, Mt 4:13-17, LXX.

3] (Increase, not “not increased”)

Joy of harvest: Feast of Tabernacles? (Succoth?) Of Ingathering? (Shavout?)

Massoretic: wl for al

4] Day of Midian - Gideon, Judg 7:19-25;

Oppressor, taskmaster: Ex 5:6 (Isa 52:4: “Assyrian?”); Yoke, staff, rod? Why 3?

6] Child: humanity.

Son: God, Deity Mt 11:27.

Government: “misrah”; key on shoulder (vs. Lamb, Lk 15:5); 22:22 (Creation: Heb 1:2; Heb 11:3).

Destined to exercise supreme rule of all the universe!

Wonderful: (Cf. Samson's parents, Judg 13:18); Mystery 1 Tim 3:16; Mt 7:28, teachings; doings 25:17;

Counsellor: Word; Rom 8:12-30; Revealer of Father; Word, 1 Jn 1:7. Mighty God: El: Messiah only in Ps 45:6; Heb 1:8; Isa 7:14. Everlasting Father: Jn 10:30.

Prince of Peace: Angels, Lk 2:14; (Melchizadech = King of Salem, Heb.; Solomon = peaceful one...) Isa 32:1-18.

7] Increase: Mt 28:18, 19.

Throne of David: Luke 1:32-33. A definite, historical throne; does not admit of "spiritualizing." See Davidic Covenant, Zech 12:8, 2 Sam 7:16; Acts 15:14-16 (vs. Father's throne, Rev 3:21).

PREINCARNATE STATE

Christ existed as the eternal Son of God in the Old Testament:

"Then I said, 'Here I am, I have come – it is written about me in the scroll.'" Psalm 40:7

And, in the New Testament:

"Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: . . . 'Here I am – it is written about me in the scroll – I have come to do your will, O God.'" Hebrews 10:5-7

The Old Testament records the eternal son being installed as the Messiah, or Christ, on earth:

"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.' I will proclaim the decree of the Lord: He said to me, 'You are my Son, today I have become your Father. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery' . . . Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.'" Psalm 2:6-12

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Jesus indicated he had eternal existence:

"No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man." John 3:13

John the Baptist indicated Jesus had eternal existence:

"John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, 'This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'"
John 1:15 and 1:30

Jesus is the creator:

"Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made." John 1:3

"For by him all things were created; things in heaven and on earth."
Colossians 1:16

"In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things. And through whom he made the universe." Hebrews 1:2

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The reasons for the Incarnation are listed in Scripture:

1. To reveal God to us – John 1:18; 14:7-11
2. To provide an example – 1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6
3. To provide an effective sacrifice for Sin – Hebrews 10:1-10
4. To fulfill the Davidic Covenant – Luke 1:31-33
5. To destroy the works of the Devil – 1 John 3:8
6. To become the real High Priest – Hebrews 4:14-16
7. To be qualified to Judge – John 5:22, 27

Virgin Birth of Christ

The virgin birth of Jesus is an important Christian doctrine due to the nature of sin as discussed in the chapter on Hamartiology. Every man born receives an inherited sin nature from his father, the imputed sin of Adam, and the drive to commit personal sins due to this corruption in his nature. If Jesus had had a natural father, he himself would have had in his humanity a sin nature, imputed sin and the corruption that would have produced personal sins. The best God could hope for with a man like this would be a rise to the status of a Moses, a David or an **isaiah**. But, what made these men great and gave their words such meaning was that they believed in and spoke of a man who would come to deliver them from inherited sin, imputed sin and personal sin. Of course, they could not have been hoping for another man just like themselves, but for a man who would be able to deliver them both from political enemies and from the greatest enemy of all – death, which is the wages of sin.

The Old Testament alluded to this deliverer and his unique birth. God told the serpent in the garden that this man would come from a woman, but did not say anything about the man's father. He simply called this deliverer the seed of the woman:

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring (seed) and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." Genesis 3:15

In another place, King Jehoiachin, a descendent of David and ancestor of Jesus' earthly father Joseph, is told that none of his offspring (seed) will sit on the throne of David or rule in Judah. With this verse God removed the possibility of a male lineage in Jesus' life. The reason is this: If Joseph had been the biological father of Jesus, then this verse would have made Jesus Christ ever returning to the earth as Israel's deliverer and king impossible. Jesus would have been disqualified from being the King of the Kingdom of God, which would make a large amount of Jesus' teaching in the gospels irrelevant. Joseph cannot be Jesus' father if there is still to be any hope that Jesus is the Christ. Read Jeremiah's words concerning King Jehoiachin:

"This is what the Lord says: 'Record this man as if childless, a man who will not prosper in his lifetime, for none of his offspring (seed) will prosper, none will sit on the throne of David or rule anymore in Judah.'" Jeremiah 22:30

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Isaiah makes the prophecy of the virgin birth very clear when he says:

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin (*almah*) will be with child and will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel ('God with Us')."

Isaiah 7:14

This is a clear and exact prediction that the Messiah will not have a natural father. The word translated "virgin" is the Hebrew word *almah*, which only means a young unmarried girl when used in the Old Testament. The word *almah* is translated in the Greek Old Testament (LXX) with the Greek word *parthenos* which can only mean "virgin". Matthew 1:23 quotes Isaiah 7:14 using the LXX translation of *almah* into *parthenos*. This gives the translation of *almah* as "virgin" the status of divine inspiration. The one born of this virgin conception and birth is said to be "God with Us" or God with man. Clearly this can only refer to the eternal Son of God becoming a man.

John 8:41 describes Jesus talking with some unbelieving Jews who have claimed that "Abraham is our father" after Jesus drew attention to his Father by saying, "I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence and you do what you have heard from your father." Their response indicates that they were acutely aware of the confusion concerning who Jesus' legitimate father was, because they then replied accusingly, "We are not illegitimate children." Yet, the Jewish community thought they knew who Jesus' natural father was because they often referred to Jesus as the son of Joseph the carpenter. After Luke records the details of the virgin conception and birth he says that Jesus "was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph." (Luke 3:23) It is interesting to note that Jesus went out of the way to speak of God as his father, as if he were trying to draw attention to the fact that he was the fulfillment of Genesis 3:15 and Isaiah 7:14.

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Chapters 11-12: A Prophetic Picture of Future Kingdom

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1] (Luke 1:31-32; Acts 15:15-16); Rod: Job 14:7-9. Stem of Jesse (Root of David: Rev 5:5; Rom 15:12; Rev 22:16). Branch: Jeremiah 23:5; 33:15 - "King"; Zech 3:8; 6:12 - "Man." Isaiah: Netzer: sprout. Mt 2:23 = "Nazarene."

2] "Seven Spirits before His Throne" Rev 1:4 Mt 3:16; Lk 2:40; 6:1, 14, 18; Jn 3:24.

Holy Spirit: 1 Cor 12:8-11; Gen 1:3. [See Spiritual Gifts; Trinity briefing packages.]

All good in Israel, 1 Sam 10:6; 16:13ff. Empowers for service, Isa 28:6 Craftsmen, Ex 31:3; 35:31

Warriors, Judg 6:34; 11:29; 13:25; 14:6 Prophets, Num 11:25ff

Messiah, John 1:22,24; Col 2:9

Abides on Him (Cf Judg 6:34; 1 Sam 11:7; 2 Sam 23:2; Ps 51) Isa 61:1

4] Rev 1:16; 2 Thess 2:8

6] Curse lifted? Return to paradise? Cf. Isa 65:25; 66:22. V egetation also involved: Hos 2:20-22; Isa 30:23-26; Ezek 24:25.

10] Jn3:14;12:32;Phil2:9;Heb7:26. Ensign: Jer 50:2; gather troops: Isa 18:3; Jer 4:21. Gather fugitives, Jer 4:6; people, Isa 5:26; 11:10,12; 49:22; 62:10.

11] "Secondtime"nowgoingon. Egypt, Hos 9:3, 6; Isa 7:18. Pathros (upper, southern Egypt) Jer 44:1. Cush ("Ethiopia") Isa 18:1ff? Coastlands: Joel 3:6; Gen 10:5; Zeph 2:11. Shinar, Gen 10:10; 11:2. Babylon.

12] Gentiles assembling the dispersed of Judah: Isa14:1,2;49:22,23;Deut 22:12; Zech 8:23; Rev 7:1; Deut 30:1.

16] Highway: Isa40:3,4;42:16;49:11;35:8. New Exodus: Jer 16:15ff. 23:7ff (31:8, 9?) Isa 40 - 55.

Messiah is a Branch

Isaiah 4:2; 11:1-5

Jesus as the Branch is a promise that one from David's Family Tree will rule over God's people in the future

The Glory of Christmas Is in The Name of Jesus

Matthew 1:21

Christmas Declares:
The Glory of His Name

The greatest revelation of our Infinite God's nature, character, and personhood comes through His Name.

Theologians have classified all the different names, ascriptions, and titles of our Triune: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

In Theology (or the study of God), we find there are no less than 420 names, titles, and ascriptions of God in three persons, contained in the Scriptures. In the Old Testament there are 225 of them, and in the New Testament there are 195.

Christmas is the time of the year we most hear the sound of that incredible river, of the mighty names of God come down to man, revealed from Heaven through the inspired Word.

God revealed Himself to mankind as a man.

God used human terms so we could understand Him.

God gave incredible access to know Him, and understand His power and love, by way of a series of names, titles, and ascriptions to His Majesty.

To the Old Testament saints the name of the Lord was a strong tower.

In the New Testament, Jesus became God with us!

1. The Name of Jesus is the saving name: "Thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).
2. The Name of Jesus is the sanctifying name. We are to do all things, in word and deed, in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:17).
3. The Name of Jesus is the sovereign name. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow" (Philippians 2:10). It is the name that as the hymn writer said: "charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease." It is the name that, as "music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace."

Christmas Declares: Jesus is Unlike Anyone Who was Ever Born, Lived, or Died

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Jesus is unlike anyone who has ever been born.

He came into the world in a way no other human ever could or will.
He was born into a poor family, and lived in an obscure village, in a tiny province of a vast Empire.
Out of poverty, obscurity, and apparent weakness, He touched the world like no one else ever has.

Jesus is unlike anyone who has ever lived.

He had none of the typical trappings of power and influence: He had no riches or formal education; yet He amazed the intelligentsia of His day.
He healed all who came to Him without charge.
He had no wealth; yet He fed tens of thousands from His own hands.
He was by nature meek and lowly; yet He could banish death with a word, disease and handicap with a touch, and demons hordes at will.

Jesus is unlike anyone who has ever died.

He could walk across raging waters.
He could walk away through crowds seeking to destroy, while becoming unseen.

He could slip through locked doors and appear at will.

He could flatten an army just by saying His own Name: yet He allowed Himself to be captured, horribly abused, and then murdered.

Jesus is unlike anyone who has ever been born; who ever lived; and who ever died.

To understand Christmas, we need to see what God revealed.

What God revealed is that:

Isaiah & The Coming One Isaiah 9:6

Isaiah & the Mighty God

Nowhere in all of the Old Testament prophets, do we find more names of our promised God the Son coming to save His lost creatures, than in Isaiah. Let's look there in Isaiah 9:6, to see the Name of our Savior who came.

Isaiah wrote at a dark hour in Israel's history. It was about 730 years before Bethlehem's babe was born. The Northern half of Israel was about to vanish in the Assyrian conquest and deportation.

The countdown to the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple had started. In that dark and perilous time for God's people of promise, four pairs of names, that distilled divinity into a coming person, were revealed.

Please stand as we read this glorious announcement of God become man. Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV)

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.

Pray

God breathed out through Isaiah, His Word that describes the coming Messiah, using four pairs of magnificent, descriptive titles:

- Wonderful Counselor
- Mighty God
- Everlasting Father
- Prince of Peace

The Name of Jesus is bound up by these four word-pairs. As we look at each we can understand Him more and more!

First, God tells Isaiah that:

Jesus is the: WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

JESUS IS THE:
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

"WONDERFUL". The Hebrew word pala indicates "something uncommon or out of the ordinary."

It reflects "a phenomenon lying outside the realm of human explanation; that which is separated from the normal course of events; something that cannot be explained."

And that is our Wonderful Counselor Jesus!

"COUNSELOR." The second part of this compound description of the coming Messiah is Counselor.

In its historical Hebrew usage, the word is used to picture a king giving counsel to his people.

Some have separated these two but the Old Testament Hebrew Bible puts them together. Isaiah defines this graphic title:

Isaiah 28:29 (NKJV) This also comes from the LORD of hosts, Who is wonderful in counsel and excellent in guidance

As a child of 12, Jesus astounded and confounded the Jewish rabbis, with His wisdom from God in Luke 2:46-47.

Luke had already recorded that "the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him" (2:40). So that, by the time of His

public ministry, people were amazed at the truthfulness of His counsel.

“When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, 'Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works?'" (Mt. 13:54).

We know where it came from, as Paul writes: “in Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3).

Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor.

Second, God tells Isaiah that:

Jesus is the: MIGHTY GOD

JESUS IS THE: MIGHTY GOD

What is the meaning of the name "Mighty God"? The name "MIGHTY GOD" is an Old Testament title here applied to the coming Messiah. It is the compound Hebrew El Gibbor, and both parts of the name need to be understood.

"GOD." The first part of the title is El, which is often used in the Old Testament to refer to the one true God. It is the singular form of the word Elohim.

"MIGHTY." The other part of the name is Gibbor, which means "strength, power, hero."

Jesus is God's mighty hero for this world. Instead of heroes who are entertainers, or athletes: God says I am sending My Son to be your Mighty Hero.

Deuteronomy 10:17 (NKJV) For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.

Did this promised One turn out to be the Mighty God, when He finally arrived over 700 years later? Remember from the Gospels the incredible ministry of Jesus?

He spoke to the dead and they rose to life.

He spoke to the raging waves and they fell to silence.

He speaks and even those in the Grave can hear His Voice.

Jesus is the Mighty God.

Third, God tells Isaiah that:

Jesus is the: Everlasting Father

JESUS IS THE: EVERLASTING FATHER

Many people are puzzled by this title because the Messiah, God's Son, is distinguished in the Trinity from God the Father.

How can the Son be the Father? Two truths must be noted:

- Jesus Christ as God the Son, is the Second Person of the Trinity, and is in His essence, God. This means that Jesus Christ has all of the attributes of God: though God exists in three Persons, God is still One God.
- Jesus Christ also has the title "Everlasting Father" to describe His relationship to time, not His relationship to the Father and the Spirit. Each member of the Trinity is Everlasting.

This use of the word father, was an ancient Hebraism for "possessor of." Notice that, in Isaiah 9:6, the Messiah is described as both a Son ("unto us a Son is given") and a Father ("His name will be called: Everlasting Father").

He became a child in time (through the incarnation), but He, as One with the Father, is the possessor of eternity. Jesus reveals the Father who will never leave us in three very personal ways:

1. Jesus shows us what God's "everlasting arms" look like. Deuteronomy 33:27 "The eternal God is a dwelling place, And underneath are the everlasting arms; And

He drove out the enemy from before you, And said, 'Destroy!'

2. Jesus displays what God's eternal presence with us will be like. Matthew 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

3. Jesus is the expression to us of God's "everlasting consolation" in an understandable and personal way. 2 Thessalonians 2:16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace,

Jesus is the Everlasting Father.

Finally, God tells Isaiah that:

Jesus is the: **THE PRINCE OF PEACE**

JESUS IS THE:
THE PRINCE OF PEACE

The name "PRINCE OF PEACE" is the Hebrew Shar Shalom, which means "the one who removes all peace-disturbing factors and secures the peace."

This name of Christ the "Peaceful Prince" helps us understand why His disciples and most of the nation of Israel were so disappointed in Christ's first coming. Instead of overthrowing Rome, He asked them to obey and honor the King.

Once we are born from above, and His peace takes root in our lives, Jesus begins to transform us into peacemakers.

He can give us Peace through the deepest trials of life: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (Jn. 14:27).

He can give us Peace in our relationship with others. "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3).

He can give us Peace to the very end of life. "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Th. 5:23).

Jesus is the Price of Peace.

What a treasure is ours in Isaiah's predicted Messiah. He is our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. May we give Him worship, as we ponder the great God that He is!

One final note: These four titles are each displayed in the Gospel by John.

- Jesus is the Prince of Peace: "My Peace I give to you" He declares to His disciples.
- Jesus is the Everlasting Father: I am that I am was God's Name in the OT, and Christ's favorite Name in the Gospel by John. Seven times He says I AM.
- Jesus is the Mighty God: He has power over time, making water instantly into wine in John 2, that they knew took weeks to ferment; healing a man 30 miles away in John 4; creating bread for thousands in John 6, and then walking across raging waters; finally in John 18 Jesus flattens an army just by whispering His Name.
- Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor most beautifully in John's Gospel.

But the greatest portrait of Christ as the Wonderful Counselor is seen in how He dealt with people's problems, especially in the Gospel by John.

For a few moments remember His counsel with me:

Seeing Christ's Work as The Wonderful Counselor

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A quick walk through the Gospel of John reminds us of what Jesus does in one place at a time. With each of the scenes we're going to go through, think about all this going on around the world—night and day—for nearly 2,000 years now!

The Glory of Christmas is that Jesus came to show us that now He is available anywhere, anytime, and to anyone. In fact, look at all the chapters in John where Jesus is meeting people right where they were:

- Watching Nathaniel sit and think under a tree, Jesus answers his questions (1:46-49). The lesson: You can bring your questions to Jesus, the Counselor.
- Attending a wedding, Jesus rescues the servants when the wine runs out (2:9). The lesson: You can bring your emergencies to Jesus, the Counselor.
- Waiting up, Jesus explains salvation to Nicodemus when he slips to Christ's side in the dark (3:2). The lesson: You can bring your struggles to Jesus, the Counselor.
- Sitting on the well, Jesus reveals His true identity to a seeking woman overflowing with sins (4:18-19). The lesson: You can bring your sin to Jesus.
- Approaching the paralytic laying on the ground, Jesus heals him when he was hopeless and helpless (5:6). The lesson: You can bring your limitations to Jesus, the Counselor.
- Coming across the waves to a storm-tossed boat, Jesus quieted the fearful disciples (6:17-19). The lesson: You can bring your fears to Jesus, the Counselor.
- Crying out for anyone who thirsts to come to Him, Jesus promised to give “rivers of living water” (7:37-38). The lesson: You can bring your longings to Jesus, the Counselor.
- Looking into the heart of the adulterous woman who stood stained by her sins, Jesus showed her mercy and forgiveness (8:3-11). The lesson: You can bring your

deepest stains to Jesus, the Counselor.

- Finding the blind man in his darkness, Jesus opened his eyes (9:6-7). The lesson: You can bring your confusing times to Jesus, the Counselor.
- Opening the door to a safe and secure home for lost sheep, Jesus offered safe pasture (10:9). The lesson: You can bring your fears about death to Jesus, the Counselor.
- Defeating death and its hopelessness at the grave of Lazarus, Jesus offered new life (11:25-27). The lesson: You can bring your greatest disasters to Jesus, the Counselor.
- Accepting the worship of Mary who loved Him so, Jesus received it as a sweet fragrance (12:3-8). The lesson: You can bring your love to Jesus, the Counselor.
- Confronting His disciples with their dirty feet and hearts stinking with pride, Jesus washed away their sin (13:5-15). The lesson: You can bring your besetting sins to Jesus, the Counselor.
- Assuring His disciples when they had troubled hearts, Jesus promised that they had a future mansion with Him in heaven (14:1-6). The lesson: You can bring your future to Jesus, the Counselor.
- Coming close to prune away unprofitable parts when lives are fruitless, Jesus causes that pruning to bear fruit (15:2). The lesson: You can bring all of your life to Jesus, the Counselor.
- Promising to convict when hearts are sinful, Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to keep His children on track spiritually (16:7-9). The lesson: You can bring your secrets to Jesus, the Counselor.
- Praying for sanctification by the truth of His Word, Jesus promises to open His children's understanding of the Scriptures (17:17). The lesson: You can bring your Bible-study times to Jesus, the Counselor.
- Watching over His disciples in their darkest hour, Jesus looked out for them in spite of their weakness in the garden (18:8). The lesson: You can bring your times of weakness to Jesus, the Counselor.
- Caring for His mother even as He died, Jesus set an example of the importance of family (19:25-27). The lesson: You can bring your concerns about your family to Jesus, the Counselor.
- Finding Thomas in his doubt and bringing him to faith, Jesus lovingly reassured him (20:25-29). The lesson: You can bring your doubts to Jesus, the Counselor.
- Standing on the shore when Peter needed restoration, Jesus lovingly inspired Peter to greater service for Christ (21:15-18). The lesson: You can bring your failures to Jesus, the Counselor.

Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor.

Talk to Him, Follow Him, and Ask for His Counsel each time you open His Word and listen to Him speak.

THE BIBLE IS CHRIST CENTERED

Isaiah 9:6; Jeremiah 15:16;
Luke 24:27; John 5:39

Jesus shines from every book of the Bible. Each reveals some truths about our beautiful Lord Jesus. And, there is one that has as its theme and central purpose to unveil and reveal JESUS CHRIST THE LORD. To see the central theme of Christ in all the Scriptures look at these verses: Revelation 19:10, John 5:39 and Luke 24:27.

Because the Bible is Divine, and speaks of Christ in every book, He is our Source of:

- I. SANCTIFYING TRUTH: John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. (KJV)
- II. PERSONAL HAPPINESS: Jeremiah 15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts. (KJV)
- III. SPIRITUAL GROWTH: 1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: (KJV)
- IV. DIVINE POWER: Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (KJV)
- V. SUPERNATURAL GUIDANCE: Psalm 119:105 NUN. Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (KJV)
- VI. ABSOLUTE COMFORT: Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. (KJV)
- VII. BIBLICAL MATURITY (Completeness): 2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (KJV)
- VIII. DAILY VICTORY: Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: (KJV)

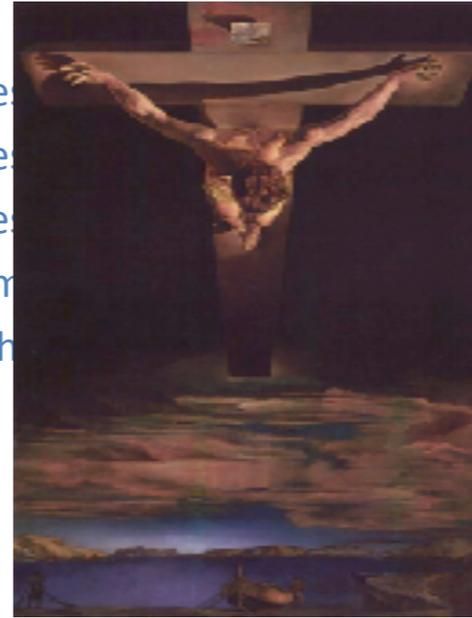
The Central Theme of God's Word

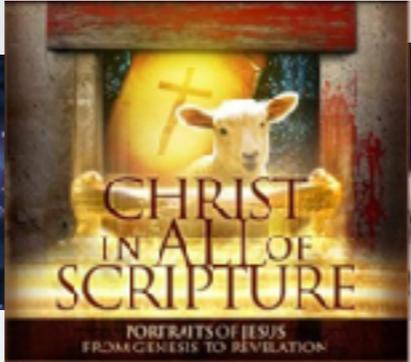
- The OT is an account of the Nation (Israel).
- The NT is the account of the Man (Christ).
- The **Creator** became a Man: that is the **Central Event** of all history.
- **Christ Died** to purchase us and is alive now.
- The greatest privilege is knowing Him: ***That's what the Bible is all about.***

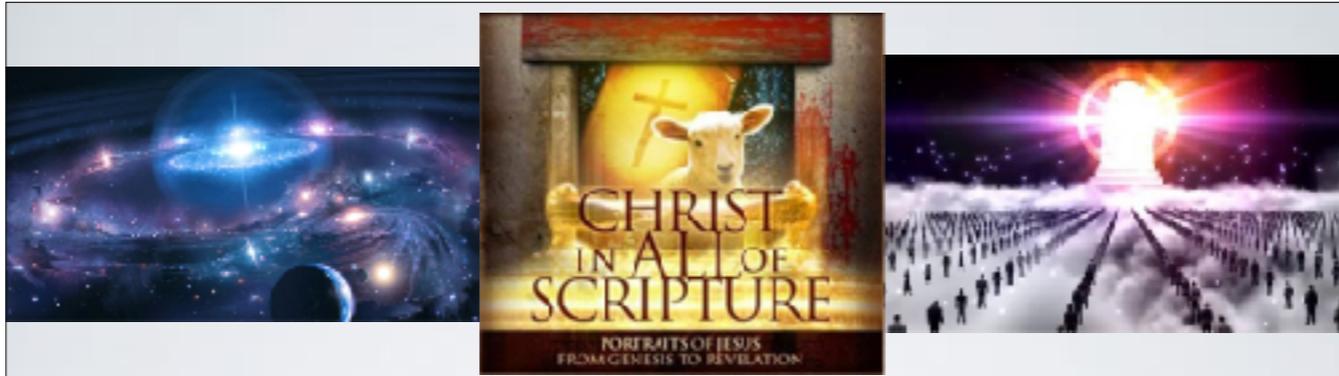
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- The Call of Abraham [Gene](#)
- The Tribe of Judah [Gene](#)
- The Dynasty of David [2 Sam](#)
- The Virgin Birth in Bethlehem [Isaiah](#)

- To another tree where Christ died...
...in another garden where He rose



		
Creator	Redeemer	Judge
Designed By Him	Bought For Him	Answerable To Him
Origin: How?	Purpose: Why?	Destiny: Where?



Creator	Redeemer	Judge
Genesis 1-2	Genesis 3-Revelation 5	Revelation 6-22
“the world were framed by the Word of God” (Heb. 11:3)	“Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world” (Jn. 1:29)	“and I saw the dead, small and great, standing before the Throne...” (Rev. 20:15)