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His Name Shall Be...

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"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.

The names of Christ reveal the various aspects of his nature and character. By meditating on all of them, we get a complete picture of his excellence.

His name shall be called Wonderful. He is wonderful in his relationship with the Father and the Holy Spirit in his pre-existence before the creation of the world. He is wonderful as the creator of this world and all things. He is wonderful in his patience with mankind, revealing himself in a marvelous way and offering redemption. He is wonderful as he lived in this world so perfectly, and gave himself

sacrificially.

His name is Counselor. Jesus is the unerring source respecting the purpose of life, the secret of true success, and the answer to our eternal destiny. He presides over the world and directs all of its affairs. (Proverbs 8:12-30) He is the true light (John 1:9) His word is truth. (John 14:6)

His name is Mighty God. The son of God is himself God. The Messiah's mission is to redeem man from sin, to conquer death, and to triumph over Satan. This can only be accomplished by God. The son of God is God, the mighty one.

His name is Everlasting Father. This title seems to give us some problems, for how can the son also be the father? The term "father" connotes such notions as provider, protector, and creator. The Messiah

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bears all of these traits, because he is God. Several New Testament passages affirm this truth. (John 14:7-11; Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:1-4)

His name is Prince of Peace. A prince is someone who bears rule or regal authority. However, in the Messiah there is peace not accomplished with physical swords and armies. Instead, he uses the sword of the spirit (Ephesians 6:10) to work on human hearts. When the Lord's intended target yields to him, the product is beautiful. When the Messiah removes the enmity between God and the sinner, there is a calm in the soul of each recipient, and the traits of social concord (patience, forbearance, courtesy, and love) all manifest themselves.

Taken in connection, these five names summarize the nature of the Messiah, his character, his wisdom and his love. These names, though spoken in the past, should promote a present reverence and trust in Jesus.

1 Peter 3:8-17 ESV

“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.”

Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends.

We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.



Upcoming Ladies' Bible Classes - cancelled until further notice.

Services for August - We will meet for **one** service at 10:45 a.m. There will **not** be a Bible class or evening service, and there still will **not** be a Wednesday evening service. We will re-evaluate toward the end of August. Thank you for your support and encouragement as we make these difficult decisions! --DT for the elders

If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.



Please remember the following individuals in your daily prayers:

June Owens
Jack Wilson
Jerry Richardson
Karen Hallmark
Shirley Perkins' brother, Leon
Morgan O'Hair
Dinah Williams
Joy Ulrich
Kevin Barth
Lisa Trammel
Joel and Tori Moore

And continue to pray for each other

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

We have many that face challenges on a daily basis and need your prayers as well.

“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”
(Ephesians 6:18 ESV)

