



"For Unto Us..."

## CHRISTMAS DAY 2022

### ISAIAH 9:1-7 - ENJOYING THE MOMENT!

#### I. THE PROCLAMATION OF THE PROMISE [1-7a]

- A. Jesus will bring hope to Israel → World [1]
- B. Jesus will be the light in the darkness [2]
- C. Jesus will bring abundant joy [3]
- D. Jesus will set the captive free [4]
- E. Jesus will bring peace - shalom [5]
- F. Jesus name shall be called. . . . [6]:
  - 1. Wonderful Counselor [wonder of a counselor]
    - a. *In weakness there is strength* [2 Cor. 12:9]
    - b. *In surrender there is victory* [1 Peter 5:6-7]
    - c. *In death there is life* [Gal. 2:20]
  - 2. Mighty God - so much power that He can absorb all the evil that will be thrown at Him
  - 3. Everlasting Father - Sacrificial Love
  - 4. Prince of Peace [climactic moment] - a peaceful King that will bring reconciliation between God and man which will then make reconciliation between each other possible.
- G. Jesus' rule, for all eternity, . . . [7a]:
  - 1. . . . will be marked by abundant growth/peace
  - 2. . . . will be established and upheld by justice and righteousness

#### II. THE ORIGIN OF THE PROMISE [7b]

God's passionate desire for relationship with all people! [John 3:16-17]

**Isaiah 9:1-7** But **there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish**. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali means , but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.<sup>a</sup> [The melting pot of that region] <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a **great light**; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

<sup>3</sup> You have **multiplied** the nation; you have **increased** its joy; they **rejoice** before you as with joy at the **harvest**, as they are **glad** when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup> **For** the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian . [refers to Gideon - Judges 6]

<sup>5</sup> **For** every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> **For** unto to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**2 Corinthians 12:9** Jesus said to me [Paul], "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**1 Peter 5:6-7** Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,<sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

**Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**John 3:16-17** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.