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Isaiah 9:6, *“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”*

The book of Isaiah has been called the “little Bible.” It’s called this because there are so many prophecies concerning Jesus and there are 66 chapters in Isaiah as there are 66 books in the Bible. One of the prophecies of Jesus is found in Isaiah 9:6. There are seven titles or names given to Jesus in the above verse. Let’s look at each of these names.

1. **Child.** Jesus was born into mankind as a child. His birth was miraculous in that His mother was a virgin. After that, His childhood was “normal” in that Jesus grew up as any child, subject to His parents. He had the regular interactions of siblings. Mary did not remain a virgin. She had at least six other children. Jesus, being the firstborn, made at least seven. (It’s interesting to note how often the number seven appears in the Bible. The LORD used it to show completeness.)

We learn of the siblings of Jesus in Mark 6:3, *“Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.”* There are four brothers named, and “sisters” is plural which meant there were at least two. Jesus, four brothers, and two sisters make a minimum of seven children. There certainly could have been more.

Jesus grew up as a “normal” child. The only event in the life of Jesus as a youth is recorded in Luke 2, where at the age of twelve His parents had gone to Jerusalem. When they couldn’t locate Jesus, they found Him in the temple. He was asking questions and hearing the doctors. Jesus was a child, but a very special child.

2. **Son.** Jesus was not only a child, but He, being male, was a son. A son had rights of inheritance and oversight of the family a daughter did not have. Jesus is not any son, He is the Son of God. The first time Jesus is called the Son of God is when He was tempted by the Devil. Matthew 4:3, *“And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.”*

The last time Jesus is called the Son of God is in Revelation 2:18, *“And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet [are] like fine brass.”* Jesus is the Son of God with all the rights and oversight of the kingdom a firstborn son would have. The phrase following “son” in Isaiah 9:6 shows what He as a son would do and have. The verse says the government shall be upon His shoulder. This is the church. He is the head of the church, and is carrying the government of it.

3. **Wonderful.** The word in the verse translated wonderful means marvelous and something hard to be understood. Jesus and everything about Him is full of wonder and amazement to us. Just the very thought of Jesus and His love toward us in that He gave His life for us fills us with wonder and admiration. *continued on next page...*

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Sunday 9am, 10am, 12pm; 6pm (Online) — Wednesday 6pm (Online)

New

—Continue to remember **Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Richard & Meg Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry, Rick Gibbs, Sandy Duncan, Jerry Reynolds, Betty Franklin, Lauren Candela, Alice Vanderstoep, Carol Riffle, Stewart Franklin, and Karen Burd.**

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5. The mighty God. Jesus is not only the Son of God, but He is God Himself. With Jesus and God being one, Jesus is God. Jesus is called “God” in Hebrews 1:8-9, “*8But unto the Son [he saith], Thy throne, O God, [is] for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness [is] the sceptre of thy kingdom. 9Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, [even] thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.*”

6. The everlasting Father. Being God, Jesus is also the Father. Referring to Jesus, Paul wrote in Colossians 1:15-16, “*15Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.*” Even among us, someone can be a son and a father. Jesus is that. He is the Son of God, and they being one, He is also the Father.

4. Counselor. A counselor is one who guides. By following Jesus, we are having the guidance and direction that will lead us to eternal life. Counselors of earth might steer us wrong, but to follow the counsel and teachings of Jesus leads us to an eternal home in Heaven. The saved John saw in Revelation are those who follow Jesus. Revelation 14:4, “*...These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.*”

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Sunday, March 9, 2025

Classes	11	Luke 23:1-25
Preaching	23	Mark 16:15, 16
Contribution	\$873.00	
Afternoon	10	Revelation 14:11-20; Singing (Psalm 146)

Bible Quiz

For those who die in the LORD, their works do what?

Last Week’s Answer—Mount Zion (Revelation 14:1)

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7. Prince of Peace. Jesus brings peace that is everlasting. He is the prince of peace. It’s a peace only the saved can know. Philippians 4:7, “*And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*” In Jesus, we have a peace that passes understanding. No one can ever know this everlasting peace unless they live and die in the LORD.

Jesus is many things to us. He is everything wonderful and good. In prophesying about Jesus, Isaiah let us know many of the attributes of Jesus and what He would bring to us. He still is all these things to us today, and forever will be.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)